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St. Mary's University School of Law

Issue 1

August 19, 2010

By VMM

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Andrea Aguilar, Clinical Fellow – Ms. Aguilar earned her bachelor's degree from Baylor University and juris doctorate from St. Mary's University School of Law. She is originally from Cleburne, Texas and served as a volunteer for the Peace Corps Volunteer.

Laura Burney, Visiting Professor of Law – Professor Burney received her juris doctorate from St. Mary's University School of Law. She is the former chair of the Oil, Gas, and Energy Resources Law Council of the State Bar of Texas and has been in private practice since 2004. She previously taught at St. Mary's where she served as the Albert and Helen Hermann Professor of Natural Resources Law.

Jamie Lund, Assistant Professor of Law – Professor Lund earned her undergraduate degree from Brigham Young University. She holds a juris doctorate from the University of Chicago. She is originally from Escondido, California where she worked as a litigation associate for Irell & Manella, LLP.

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The Scholar, St. Mary's Law Review on Minority Issues is proud to announce Volume 13 Editorial Board.

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The Public Investors Arbitration Bar Association is pleased to announce the **James E. Beckley** writing competition. This is a writing competition for students who are interested in Securities Arbitration and Securities law. First prize is \$1000, Second prize is \$750 and third prize is \$500. More information at www.piaba.org. Deadline to apply is **September 3, 2010**.

J.L. Turner Legal Association (JLTLA), the African-American Bar Association of Dallas, Texas is now accepting applications for a need-based scholarship, a merit-based scholarship or both. Students interested in applying may find more information at www.jltla.org. Completed scholarship applications must be received by JLTLA on or before 5:00 p.m. central time on **September 10, 2010**.

Call For Student Papers – **Terasem Movement** 6th Annual Colloquium on the Law of Futuristic Persons. For more information, please visit <http://www.terasemcentral.org/pr/2008%20TL4%20Call%20for%20Student%20Papers.pdf> Deadline to apply is **September 10, 2010**.

The **Dallas Asian-American Bar Association (DAABA)** will award a \$1,000 scholarship to a law student enrolled at the time of the application and scholarship in an ABA-accredited law school. Any Asian-American student who intends to practice law in the Dallas-Fort Worth area is eligible to apply. Applications must be **postmarked** by **September 17, 2010**.

Latham & Watkins is pleased to announce the Latham Diversity Scholars Program which will award a \$10,000 non-renewable scholarship to each of four second-year law students for use during their third year of law school (2011-2012). Details and application forms can be found at www.lw.com/diversity under the Diversity Scholars Program tab. Deadline to apply is **September 30, 2010**.

College of Workers' Compensation Lawyers announces its 2010 Writing Competition. The scope of permissible topics is broad, i.e., any aspect of workers' compensation law. Students are encouraged to present on a public policy issue, a critique of a leading case or doctrine; or a comment on a statute or the need for a statutory modification. First prize is \$1,500, second prize is \$1,000 and third prize is \$500. For complete rules please visit <http://www.law.duke.edu/news/story?id=4768&u=10>. Deadline to apply is **November 1, 2010**.

National Advocates for Pregnant Women (NAPW) presents their 2009-2010 NAPW Law Student Writing Competition. This year's contest is "Birthing Rights as a Matter of Gender Equality." The full description of the contest is available here: [Birthing Rights Prompt](#). The first prize entry will receive \$1000. The second prize is \$500 and third prize is \$250. Deadline to apply is **December 15, 2010**.

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Campaigning for 2L and 3L elections will begin on **Tuesday, September 7th.** Campaigning for 1L elections will begin on Monday, September 13th. If you are interested in running for one of these positions, then you are required to attend one of the informational meetings noted below.

All students wishing to run for an **office must attend one of the mandatory candidates meetings.** All meetings are open to 1L's, 2L's, and 3L's except for the meetings on Tuesday, September 7. These meetings are only available to 1L students. 2L and 3L campaigning begin on September 7 so therefore students must have attended a meeting prior to the start of campaigning. **NOBODY WILL BE ALLOWED TO CAMPAIGN/PLACED ON THE BALLOT WITHOUT ATTENDING ONE OF THE BELOW MEETINGS LISTED:**

Monday 8/30 - Noon in LC101
Tuesday 8/31 - 8:30 a.m. & 12:30 p.m. in the Alumni Room
Wednesday 9/01 – 5:00 p.m. in LC101
Thursday 9/02 – 5:00 p.m. in the Alumni Room
Tuesday 9/07 – 8:00 a.m. & 12:00 noon in the Alumni Room

Please email Steven Tays, Special Prosecutor at SBAspecialprosecutor@gmail.com. The Student Bar Association wishes all candidates good luck and looks forward to having great elections!

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Didn't get a locker yet? The Student Bar Association now has a waiting list for lockers. If you are interested in a locker and would like your name placed on the waiting list, please contact Joe O'Neill at joe.t.oneill@gmail.com.

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PRO BONO/COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

The **Pro Bono/Community Service Program** provides current law students with opportunities to work with licensed attorneys and other professionals committed to serving members of the community with free legal information and services. In addition to helping fill a

great need, **students gain first hand practical experience** while establishing professional ties with the legal community. Students who volunteer and report at least 50 hours of qualified work are eligible for a Pro Bono Achievement Award Certificate **during their graduation ceremony**.

Volunteer opportunities consist of public clinics, outreach programs, and special events in various legal areas. Our opportunities give you a chance to use other talents to help those in need. For example, if you speak Spanish, join our Civil Justice Clinic on a Laredo and Eagle Pass border trips helping them translate intakes at some of the poorest community centers. **Learn more on the Pro Bono TWEN page** and use the sign-up sheets to volunteer.

All law students are invited and encouraged to visit and sign-up on the Pro Bono Clinics/Community Service TWEN site. NOTE: Even if you signed up for the Pro Bono TWEN site before, you must re-add the course again this year.

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One St. Mary's University School of Law student will be selected each semester to receive a \$1,250 scholarship to be used for tuition, books, or other educational expenses.

The **deadline for submission** for the fall semester is **September 3, 2010**. The application and more information can be found on the Pro Bono TWEN site under scholarship opportunity.

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Interested in joining a **student organization**? Want more information about a particular student program? Well here is your chance. The Student Bar Association presents “**DOCKET CALL**,” an event where students can learn pretty much everything about what is happening on our law school campus. Please come and **CHECK IT OUT!!!**

Need a table at Docket Call? You may contact Caylin Wenzel at Caylin.wenzel@gmail.com. She is the primary contact for anyone who would like to have a table at Docket Call. We want Docket Call to be **BIGGER and better** than ever, so come out and participate!

OFFICE OF CAREER SERVICES

The Office of Career Services welcomes all new students and welcome back to all returning students. Career Services will host the below listed lunch time programs over the next week. To attend, **please register through the Events section of Symplicity**. PLEASE NOTE: Registration is important so that we may order enough food to serve.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2010

12:00 to 1:00 p.m., Alumni Room, Sarita Kenedy East Law Library. Lunch will be served!
Professional Development Series: Dress for Success

Learn how to Dress to Impress. Justin Salazar from Tom James will be here to show you have to make a great first impression. Mr. Salazar has many clients from law firms in the San Antonio community and can share their anecdotes about what they expect from candidates!

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2010

12:00 to 1:00 p.m., Alumni Room, Sarita Kenedy East Law Library. Lunch will be served!
Department of Justice Honors Program Information Session

Tracey Greer from the United States Department of Justice Antitrust Division will be here to talk about the Department of Justice Honors program for both summer and permanent jobs. ***YOU DO NOT WANT TO MISS THIS. THE DOJ ONLINE APPLICATION DEADLINE IS SEPTEMBER 7 at 11:00 PM CST.***

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2010

12:00 to 1:00 p.m., Alumni Room, Sarita Kenedy East Law Library. Lunch will be served!
Professional Development Series: Creating a Career Development Plan

It is never too early to begin thinking about your long term career. This program will help you set up a career development plan and chart your course over the next few years.

ATTENTION ALL 1L's

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STUDENT BAR ASSOCIATION ELECTIONS

The Student Bar Association will be holding **school-wide elections** to fill vacancies for different offices. For 3L students, we will be electing four senators and one SAYLA representative. For 2L students, we will be electing two senators, one SAYLA representative, one Honor Court Justice, and one at-large member of the Evening Student Bar Association. For 1L students, we will be electing eight senators (two for each section) one Honor Court Justice, and one ABA representative.

Campaigning for 2L and 3L elections will begin on **Tuesday, September 7th** so therefore students interested in running for an office must have attended a meeting prior to the start of campaigning. Campaigning for 1L elections will begin on Monday, September 13th.

1L Meeting Only - Tuesday 9/07 – 8:00 a.m. OR 12:00 noon in the Alumni Room

NOBODY WILL BE ALLOWED TO CAMPAIGN/OR THEIR NAME PLACED ON THE BALLOT WITHOUT HAVING ATTENDED A MANDATORY CANDIDATE MEETING.

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STUDENT BAR ASSOCIATION PRESENTS: DOCKET CALL

September 16, 2010, 4:00 – 7:00 p.m., Law School Plaza

Interested in joining a **student organization**? Want more information about a particular student program? Well here is your chance. The Student Bar Association presents “**DOCKET CALL**,” an event where students can learn pretty much everything about what is happening on our law school campus. Please come and **CHECK IT OUT!**

Need a table at Docket Call? You may contact Caylin Wenzel at Caylin.wenzel@gmail.com. She is the primary contact for anyone who would like to have a table at Docket Call. We want Docket Call to be **BIGGER and better** than ever, so come out and participate!

STATE BAR OF TEXAS

David Courreges, President-Elect of the St. Mary's Law Alumni Association and Vice-President of the Texas Young Lawyers Association (TYLA), spoke at this year's 1L Orientation and encouraged students to get involved in the legal community. To join the **Law Student Division of the State Bar of Texas (SBOT)**, please visit the **SBOT table** during **Docket Call on September 16, 2010**. A TYLA representative will be on hand to answer any questions you may have. All students may join SBOT or renew their membership for \$15. Members will receive a t-shirt, a subscription to the *Texas Bar Journal*, and membership cards with individually assigned bar numbers. For more information, contact SBOT Law Student Division Representatives **Emily Ray** (rayemi@gmail.com) or **Charlotte Williamson** (charlottew198@yahoo.com). Hope to see you at Docket Call!

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The **Pro Bono/Community Service Program** provides current law students with opportunities to work with licensed attorneys and other professionals committed to serving members of the community with free legal information and services. In addition to helping fill a great need, **students gain first hand practical experience** while establishing professional ties with the legal community. Students who volunteer and report at least 50 hours of qualified work are eligible for a Pro Bono Achievement Award Certificate **during their graduation ceremony**.

Volunteer opportunities consist of public clinics, outreach programs, and special events in various legal areas. Our opportunities give you a chance to use other talents to help those in need. For example, if you speak Spanish, join our Civil Justice Clinic on a Laredo and Eagle Pass border trips helping them translate intakes at some of the poorest community centers. **Learn more on the Pro Bono TWEN page** and use the sign-up sheets to volunteer.

All law students are invited and encouraged to visit and sign-up on the Pro Bono Clinics/Community Service TWEN site. NOTE: Even if you signed up for the Pro Bono TWEN site before, you must re-add the course again this year.

For more information visit the Pro Bono TWEN site or contact the Pro Bono Services Division Research Assistant, Cristina Zambrano, at czambrano@mail.stmarytx.edu.

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- Check your email regularly, we will continue to add On-Campus Interviews (OCI) employers as they come in and we will email you and post these opportunities in Symlicity. We just posted a new employer for Class of 2012 last week!
- Put your resume in the many Resume Books available on Symlicity. We just had an employer call for the San Antonio Resume Book the other day. We advertise these books in law journals and publications throughout the state and the ads have resulted in employers calling for these Resume Books.
- Attend Career Services Programs and Networking events. Many students get jobs from employers they meet at these programs!
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Note: If you are having trouble with emails that are getting caught in St. Mary's spam or coming through with delays, we recommend you log into Symlicity and change your email address to another address. The address you have in Symlicity is the address we will use to correspond with you on all career related emails.

LONE STAR CLASSIC® — 2010

Call for Bailiffs and Marshals

St. Mary's Law School is hosting the **2010 Lone Star Classic® October 14th, 15th, and 16th**. The Classic is an **annual national invitational mock trial tournament**. This year, we are hosting teams from sixteen law schools. The preliminary rounds will be held on Thursday afternoon, Friday morning, and Friday afternoon at the Bexar County Courthouse. The semi-final rounds will be held in the classroom building on Saturday morning, October 16, at 9:00 a.m. The final round will be held on Saturday at 2:00 p.m. in the law school's courtroom.

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STUDENT BAR ASSOCIATION PRESENTS: DOCKET CALL

September 16, 2010, 4:00 – 7:00 p.m., Law School Plaza

Interested in joining a **student organization**? Want more information about a particular student program? Well here is your chance. The Student Bar Association presents “**DOCKET CALL**,” an event where students can learn pretty much everything about what is happening on our law school campus. Please come and **CHECK IT OUT!**

Need a table at Docket Call? You may contact Caylin Wenzel at Caylin.wenzel@gmail.com. She is the primary contact for anyone who would like to have a table at Docket Call. We want Docket Call to be **BIGGER and better** than ever, so come out and participate!

STATE BAR OF TEXAS

David Courreges, President-Elect of the St. Mary's Law Alumni Association and Vice-President of the Texas Young Lawyers Association (TYLA), spoke at this year's 1L Orientation and encouraged students to get involved in the legal community. To join the **Law Student Division of the State Bar of Texas (SBOT)**, **please visit the SBOT table** during **Docket Call on September 16, 2010**. A TYLA representative will be on hand to answer any questions you may have. All students may join SBOT or renew their membership for \$15. Members will receive a t-shirt, a subscription to the *Texas Bar Journal*, and membership cards with individually assigned bar numbers. For more information, contact SBOT Law Student Division Representatives **Emily Ray** (rayemi@gmail.com) or **Charlotte Williamson** (charlottew198@yahoo.com). Hope to see you at Docket Call!

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Please come out and see **SALDF at Docket Call** on **Thursday, September 16**. There will be plenty of information on how animal law permeates and affects most traditional areas of

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The **Pro Bono/Community Service Program** provides current law students with opportunities to work with licensed attorneys and other professionals committed to serving members of the community with free legal information and services. In addition to helping fill a great need, **students gain first hand practical experience** while establishing professional ties with the legal community. Students who volunteer and report at least 50 hours of qualified work are eligible for a Pro Bono Achievement Award Certificate **during their graduation ceremony**.

Volunteer opportunities consist of public clinics, outreach programs, and special events in various legal areas. Our opportunities give you a chance to use other talents to help those in need. For example, if you speak Spanish, join our Civil Justice Clinic on a Laredo and Eagle Pass border trips helping them translate intakes at some of the poorest community centers. **Learn more on the Pro Bono TWEN page** and use the sign-up sheets to volunteer.

All law students are invited and encouraged to visit and sign-up on the Pro Bono Clinics/Community Service TWEN site. NOTE: Even if you signed up for the Pro Bono TWEN site before, you must re-add the course again this year.

For more information visit the Pro Bono TWEN site or contact the Pro Bono Services Division Research Assistant, Cristina Zambrano, at czambrano@mail.stmarytx.edu.

STUDENT LOCKERS

Didn't get a locker yet? The Student Bar Association now has a waiting list for lockers. If you are interested in a locker and would like your name placed on the waiting list, please contact Joe O'Neill at joe.t.oneill@gmail.com.

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Despite the difficult economy, the **Office of Career Services** constantly is seeking new job opportunities for you. Below are a few things you should be doing to stay on top of your summer and permanent searches. If you have questions or want to strategize on your individual search, please make an appointment with Dean Bracey or Director Patrick. You can contact Director Patrick about the items below at spatrick@stmarytx.edu if you have questions.

- Check your email regularly, we will continue to add On-Campus Interviews (OCI) employers as they come in and we will email you and post these opportunities in Symplicity. We just posted a new employer for Class of 2012 last week!
- Put your resume in the many Resume Books available on Symplicity. We just had an employer call for the San Antonio Resume Book the other day. We advertise these books in law journals and publications throughout the state and the ads have resulted in employers calling for these Resume Books.
- Attend Career Services Programs and Networking events. Many students get jobs from employers they meet at these programs!
- Stay tuned for job fairs in the spring including Public Service Days in Austin, Corpus Christi Job Fair, Rio Grande Valley Job Fair and El Paso Job Fair!
- All Students should become fans of our Facebook page. We regularly post articles and deadlines on there as well. It is another great way to keep in touch.

To access Symplicity go to: <https://law-stmarytx-csm.symplicity.com/students/>

Note: If you are having trouble with emails that are getting caught in St. Mary's spam or coming through with delays, we recommend you log into Symplicity and change your email address to another address. The address you have in Symplicity is the address we will use to correspond with you on all career related emails.

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As you are starting your new classes, we would like to inform you about CALI lessons. CALI lessons are interactive, computer-based tutorials provided by the non-profit **Center for Computer-Assisted Legal Instruction** (www.cali.org). There are over 675 lessons available to help you study 32 different legal subject areas at www.cali.org. Lessons **are completely free** for all of our law students and are great for mastering material during the semester and/or studying for exams. When registering a new account at www.cali.org, you must use our school's authorization code to create your account. (Click on the "Not a registered user yet" link). The St. Mary's authorization code is: SAIMARstu180 (case sensitive). Good luck with the rest of the semester!

POSTING NOTICES

A student organization may publicize an event or deadline through announcements:

- ❖ In the *Witan* (provide a copy to Ms. Bebe Gonzales (bgonzales@stmarytx.edu) by noon Thursday.
- ❖ On its organization bulletin board
- ❖ On the posting walls in the east and west foyers of the law classroom building and in the west foyer of the law faculty building, provided the notice is:
 - (1) not greater than 11" x 17" (legal size) and
 - (2) not posted more than ten days before an event;
 - (3) approved by the Student Bar Association for posting
 - (4)

Except as provided above, do not tape, staple, pin, or otherwise display any notice on walls or furniture of any building at the Law Center (including classroom entry doors). Announcements posted in violation of this rule will be removed.

TOBACCO PRODUCTS

Smoking is **prohibited** in all law school buildings. **Please refrain** from the use of all **tobacco products** in the library and in the classrooms. Chewing tobacco, in particular, can stain furniture and carpets and the waste disposal process is distracting to others.

WRITING COMPETITIONS, FELLOWSHIPS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

For a copy of detailed information regarding the below writing competitions and scholarships, please email Bebe Gonzales at bgonzales@stmarytx.edu.

REVISED – Student scholarship amount has been increased to \$2,000. The **Dallas Asian-American Bar Association** (DAABA) will award a \$2,000 scholarship to a law student enrolled at the time of the application and scholarship in an ABA-accredited law school. Any Asian-American student who intends to practice law in the Dallas-Fort Worth area is eligible to apply. Applications must be **postmarked by September 17, 2010**.

NEW – The **National Law Review** (NLR) is pleased to announce they are accepting submissions for the NLR 2010 Law Student Writing Competition. Submission deadline for a Health Care Law topic is **September 27, 2010**. Deadline for a Labor & Employment Law topic is **October 25, 2010**. For information and submission guidelines, please visit <http://www.natlawreview.com/NLR-law-student-writing-competition>.

Latham & Watkins is pleased to announce the Latham Diversity Scholars Program which will award a \$10,000 non-renewable scholarship to each of four second-year law students for use during their third year of law school (2011-2012). Details and application forms can be found at www.lw.com/diversity under the Diversity Scholars Program tab. Deadline to apply is

September 30, 2010.

The **LVNBA Foundation** in conjunction with the **Las Vegas Chapter of the National Bar Association** is accepting applications for scholarships. LVNBA, an association of African-American attorneys in Las Vegas, Nevada, established the LVNBA Foundation and scholarship program to provide financial assistance to law students who have a connection to the Greater Las Vegas area, and to expose students to the Las Vegas legal community. Applications and additional information about LVNBA can be found on the LVNBA website located at www.lvnba.org. Deadline to apply is **September 30, 2010**.

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The **Texas Young Lawyers Association (TYLA)** is offering a \$1,000 scholarship to one minority law student at each of the ABA-accredited law schools in Texas. Applications are available at <http://www.tyla.org/index.cfm/resources/law-students/scholarships/>. Applications must be postmarked no later than **October 15, 2010**.

Banner & Witcoff is proud to offer the **Donald W. Banner Diversity Scholarship** for law students. This scholarship is part of Banner & Witcoff's commitment to fostering the development of intellectual property lawyers from diverse backgrounds. Please visit www.bannerwitcoff.com/diversity for details of this scholarship. Applications will be accepted through **November 1, 2010**.

College of Workers' Compensation Lawyers announces its 2010 Writing Competition. The scope of permissible topics is broad, i.e., any aspect of workers' compensation law. Students are encouraged to present on a public policy issue, a critique of a leading case or doctrine; or a comment on a statute or the need for a statutory modification. First prize is \$1,500, second prize is \$1,000 and third prize is \$500. For complete rules please visit <http://www.law.duke.edu/news/story?id=4768&u=10>. Deadline to apply is **November 1, 2010**.

Constangy, Brooks & Smith, LLP is pleased to announce the 2010-2011 Diversity Scholars Awards of \$3,000 to one deserving second-year law student in each region. For more information and to download an application, please go online to <http://www.constangy.com/f-4.html>. Completed applications must be received by **November 15, 2010**.

The State Bar of Texas Labor and Employment Law Section is sponsoring a written

competition to all law student interested in the field of labor and employment law. A cash prize of \$2000 will be awarded to the author of the winning submission. Deadline to apply is **November 15, 2010.**

National Advocates for Pregnant Women (NAPW) presents their 2009-2010 NAPW Law Student Writing Competition. This year's contest is "Birthing Rights as a Matter of Gender Equality. The full description of the contest is available here: [Birthing Rights Prompt](#). The first prize entry will receive \$1000. The second prize is \$500 and third prize is \$250. Deadline to apply is **December 15, 2010.**

The American Indian Law Review (AILR) is pleased to announce its annual writing competition for 2010-2011. Papers will be accepted on any issue concerning American Indian Law. First place will be awarded \$1,000 and publication of paper in the AILR, an official periodical of the University of Oklahoma College of Law. Second place is \$500 and third place is \$250. Deadline to apply is **6:00 p.m. CST, January 31, 2010.**

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By VMM

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“Fajitas with Federalists” September 20, 12:00 – 2:00 p.m. in the Atrium

The **Federalist Society** is proud to announce its first event of the year, “Fajitas with Federalists.” Fajitas with Federalists will be held from 12:00 – 2:00 p.m. in the Atrium of the Law Administration building on **September 20, 2010**. This annual meeting has been so popular over the years we are not changing a thing! Come by and meet your fellow members and enjoy some **FREE FAJITAS!** Free, just like our membership. Did we mention it’s free? Don’t miss it. We will be selling Federalist Society T-Shirts at this event as well. If we run out of shirts we will also be taking orders. Show your support for our great organization by buying the OFFICIAL St. Mary’s School of Law Federalist Society T-Shirt. The cost of buying a shirt is \$10. Cash only.

The purpose of the St. Mary’s Federalist Society Chapter is to foster critical thought and debate about the application of conservative principles to the law. The Chapter embraces the principle that the state exists to preserve freedom, that the separation of governmental powers is central to the integrity of the Constitution of the United States of America, and that it is emphatically the province and duty of the judiciary to say what the law is – not what it should be.

The Chapter seeks both to promote an awareness of these principles and to further their application through its activities. This entails reordering priorities within the legal system so as to place a premium on individual liberty, traditional values, and the rule of law. It also entails restoring recognition of these norms among lawyers, judges, law students, and professors.

EVENING DIVISION STUDENTS

Deans Mather and Ariens will meet with **Evening Division students** on **Tuesday, September 21, at 5:15 p.m. in LC103** to discuss issues of importance to the Evening Division student body. The meeting will conclude by 5:50 p.m. Please attend all or part of this meeting.

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By Professor Jeffrey Addicott, September 22, 12:00 – 2:00 p.m., Atrium

The Federalist Society is very proud to have Jeffrey Addicott, St. Mary's Distinguished Professor of Law and the Director of the Center for Terrorism Law, as its first speaker. His speech is entitled "Ninth Anniversary of the 'War on Terror': Legal and Policy Issues," and the speech will take place in the Atrium of the Law Administration Building from 12:00 – 2:00 p.m. on September 22, 2010. FREE LUNCH will be served.

Professor Addicott served as an active duty Army officer in the Judge Advocate General's Corps for twenty years (retiring in 2000 at the rank of Lieutenant Colonel). Professor Addicott spent a quarter of his career as a senior legal advisor to the United States Army's Special Forces and is an internationally recognized authority on national security law, terrorism law and human rights law. Professor Addicott not only lectures in the academic realm, but has been a frequent contributor on international news shows on networks such as FOX News Channel and MSNBC. Our chapter is very proud to have such a distinguished speaker start our semester. Don't miss out on this opportunity!

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The ABA will also be hosting a **Webinar** on "Animal Rights and the Public's Right to Know: Farmed Animals Welfare and Consumer Labeling Issues" on **September 28, 2010** from

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The Scholar: St. Mary's Law Review on Minority Issues is committed to advocating for traditionally underrepresented groups. Our law review furthers legal discourse on various issues including race, ethnicity, sex, class, sexual orientation, religion, and age. All student Note submissions must include footnotes or endnotes and conform to *The Bluebook* (19th ed. 2010) and *The Greenbook* (12th ed. 2010). Please email submissions to lawscholar@stmarytx.edu by

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Traditional derby attire is encouraged. Your hat may be deemed the chicest chapeau of the evening in our Chic Chapeau Contest!

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Qualified law and business students will also prepare small business tax returns and

interview individuals for legal assistance through the Civil Justice Clinic. Various opportunities exist for law students interested in tax and business law, including some paid positions.

Working with VITA is a great way to help the community while receiving hands on experience in this field.

If you are interested, please contact Rachael Bernstein at rbernstein@stmarytx.edu. Training will begin in early January.

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 - (4)

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TOBACCO PRODUCTS

Smoking is **prohibited** in all law school buildings. **Please refrain** from the use of all **tobacco products** in the library and in the classrooms. Chewing tobacco, in particular, can stain furniture and carpets and the waste disposal process is distracting to others.

WRITING COMPETITIONS, FELLOWSHIPS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

For a copy of detailed information regarding the below writing competitions and scholarships, please email Bebe Gonzales at bgonzales@stmarytx.edu.

The **Health Law Section of the State Bar of Texas** and the **Texas Hospital Association** are jointly sponsoring the annual Texas Health Law Conference on October 11-12, 2010 in Austin, Texas. The Health Law Council is pleased to offer scholarship assistance for two (2) law students from each Texas law school. The assistance offered to the law students includes complimentary conference registration, a stipend of \$250.00 to be used to defray travel, lodging and meal expenses and an invitation to attend the speaker's dinner. The stipend will be reimbursed upon the presentation of receipts for expenses incurred. Please send a letter of interest to Associate Dean Victoria Mather no later than **Thursday, September 23, 2010**. Details about the conference can be found at www.tha.org/lawconf.

The **National Law Review** (NLR) is pleased to announce they are accepting submissions for the NLR 2010 Law Student Writing Competition. Submission deadline for a Health Care Law topic is **September 27, 2010**. Deadline for a Labor & Employment Law topic is **October 25, 2010**. For information and submission guidelines, please visit <http://www.natlawreview.com/NLR-law-student-writing-competition>.

Latham & Watkins is pleased to announce the Latham Diversity Scholars Program which will award a \$10,000 non-renewable scholarship to each of four second-year law students for use during their third year of law school (2011-2012). Details and application forms can be found at www.lw.com/diversity under the Diversity Scholars Program tab. Deadline to apply is **September 30, 2010**.

The **LVNBA Foundation** in conjunction with the **Las Vegas Chapter of the National Bar Association** is accepting applications for scholarships. LVNBA, an association of African-American attorneys in Las Vegas, Nevada, established the LVNBA Foundation and scholarship program to provide financial assistance to law students who have a connection to the Greater Las Vegas area, and to expose students to the Las Vegas legal community. Applications and additional information about LVNBA can be found on the LVNBA website located at www.lvnba.org. Deadline to apply is **September 30, 2010**.

The **Texas Young Lawyers Association** (TYLA) is offering a \$1,000 scholarship to one minority law student at each of the ABA-accredited law schools in Texas. Applications are available at <http://www.tyla.org/index.cfm/resources/law-students/scholarships/>. Applications must be postmarked no later than **October 15, 2010**.

Banner & Witcoff is proud to offer the **Donald W. Banner** Diversity Scholarship for law students. This scholarship is part of Banner & Witcoff's commitment to fostering the development of intellectual property lawyers from diverse backgrounds. Please visit www.bannerwitcoff.com/diversity for details of this scholarship. Applications will be accepted through **November 1, 2010**.

College of Workers' Compensation Lawyers announces its 2010 Writing Competition. The scope of permissible topics is broad, i.e., any aspect of workers' compensation law. Students are encouraged to present on a public policy issue, a critique of a leading case or

doctrine; or a comment on a statute or the need for a statutory modification. First prize is \$1,500, second prize is \$1,000 and third prize is \$500. For complete rules please visit <http://www.law.duke.edu/news/story?id=4768&u=10>. Deadline to apply is **November 1, 2010**.

NEW – The **Association of Securities and Exchange Commission Alumni, Inc.** (ASECA) is pleased to announce their 2010 Securities Law Writing Competition. First place prize is \$5,000, second place is \$3,000 and third place is \$2,000. The topic may be any subject in the field of securities law. For rules, please go to <http://www.secalumni.org/content.asp?contentid=4>. Deadline to apply is **November 15, 2010**.

Constangy, Brooks & Smith, LLP is pleased to announce the 2010-2011 Diversity Scholars Awards of \$3,000 to one deserving second-year law student in each region. For more information and to download an application, please go online to <http://www.constangy.com/f-4.html>. Completed applications must be received by **November 15, 2010**.

The State Bar of Texas Labor and Employment Law Section is sponsoring a written competition to all law student interested in the field of labor and employment law. A cash prize of \$2000 will be awarded to the author of the winning submission. Deadline to apply is **November 15, 2010**.

National Advocates for Pregnant Women (NAPW) presents their 2009-2010 NAPW Law Student Writing Competition. This year's contest is "Birthing Rights as a Matter of Gender Equality. The full description of the contest is available here: [Birthing Rights Prompt](#). The first prize entry will receive \$1000. The second prize is \$500 and third prize is \$250. Deadline to apply is **December 15, 2010**.

NEW – The **American College of Legal Medicine (ACLM)** presents its 2011 Bioethics Student Writing Competition. The ACLM will present awards for outstanding original papers written by law or health professions students on topics in Bioethics. First place prize is \$1,000, second is \$500 and third is \$250. Please visit <http://www.aclm.org/resources/swc/pdfs/swc%202011.pdf> for more information. Deadline is **January 10, 2011**.

The American Indian Law Review (AILR) is pleased to announce its annual writing competition for 2010-2011. Papers will be accepted on any issue concerning American Indian Law. First place will be awarded \$1,000 and publication of paper in the AILR, an official periodical of the University of Oklahoma College of Law. Second place is \$500 and third place is \$250. Deadline to apply is **6:00 p.m. CST, January 31, 2010**

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By VMM

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All law students are invited to join the Christian Legal Society for their first meeting of the semester on **Monday September 27, 2010 from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m. in LF103 (Law Faculty)**. We will be discussing upcoming events and opportunities. **Pat Reeves, CLS Attorney Chapter President**, will be joining us to explain the Christian Legal Society's role in the attorney community. Lunch will be provided.

THE FEDERALIST SOCIETY Professor John Lott, "Concealed Carry on Campus"

The **Federalist Society** is proud to announce that nationally famous Professor of Economics, **John Lott**, will be speaking on "**Concealed Carry on Campus**" from **12:00 – 2:00 p.m.** in the **Alumni Room** of the Sarita Kenedy East Law Library on **September 28, 2010**. **FREE FOOD** will be served. Free, just like our membership. Did we mention it's free? Don't miss it!

Professor John Lott is the author of *More Guns, Less Crime* and has appeared on numerous television networks on multiple programs over the years. He is widely considered to be the nation's foremost gun statistics expert and advocates for rational, informed debate on all gun related issues.

He has previously held research positions at academic institutions including the University of Chicago, Yale University, and the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania. He holds a Ph.D. in economics from UCLA, and his areas of research include econometrics, law and economics, public choice theory, industrial organization, public finance, microeconomics, labor economics, and environmental regulation.

Lott is an author in both academia and in popular culture. He is a frequent writer of opinion editorials, has published over 90 articles in peer-reviewed academic journals related to his research areas, and has authored five books, including *More Guns, Less Crime*, *The Bias Against Guns*, and *Freedomnomics*.

The purpose of the St. Mary's Federalist Society Chapter is to foster critical thought and debate about the application of conservative principles to the law. The Chapter embraces the principle that the state exists to preserve freedom, that the separation of governmental powers is central to the integrity of the Constitution of the United States of America, and that it is emphatically the province and duty of the judiciary to say what the law is – not what it should be.

The Chapter seeks both to promote an awareness of these principles and to further their application through its activities. This entails reordering priorities within the legal system so as to place a premium on individual liberty, traditional values, and t

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The ABA will be hosting a **Webinar** on "Animal Rights and the Public's Right to Know:

Farmed Animals Welfare and Consumer Labeling Issues” on **September 28, 2010** from **11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Eastern Time**. To register for this event go to <http://www.abanet.org/tips/market/10SepAnimalLawWeb.pdf>

St. Mary’s University School of Law **Student Animal Legal Defense Fund** is having their first member meeting on **September 30, 2010**, from **12:00 to 1:00 p.m.** in the **Atrium** of the Law Administration building. Everyone is welcome to attend. The current officers will be introduced and we’ll talk about plans for this year. Also, for those interested in running for office, information regarding St.MU School of Law SALDF’s secretary position will be provided. We hope that you will join us and we look forward to an exciting year.

KICKBALL

All students are invited to come out for a fun day playing kickball on Saturday, **October 2, 2010, beginning at 1:00 p.m.** in the field behind the law school parking lot D. This event is sponsored by the Criminal Law Association and the Black Law Student Association. Please contact Kimbel Ward at kimbelward@gmail.com with any questions.

CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

Attention 3Ls: *The Scholar: St. Mary's Law Review on Minority Issues* is currently accepting Note submissions for Volume 13, 2010–2011.

The Scholar: St. Mary's Law Review on Minority Issues is committed to advocating for traditionally underrepresented groups. Our law review furthers legal discourse on various issues including race, ethnicity, sex, class, sexual orientation, religion, and age. All student Note submissions must include footnotes or endnotes and conform to The Bluebook (19th ed. 2010) and The Greenbook (12th ed. 2010). Please email submissions to lawscholar@stmarytx.edu by **October 4, 2010**.

JURISTS & JULEPS

The **Evening Student Bar Association** is having a scholarship fundraiser and Law Alumni networking event at **Retama Park** on **Saturday, October 9, 2010** at **6:00 p.m.** Please come out and have some "Kentucky Derby" style fun! All Students, Faculty, Staff, and Alumni are welcome. Tickets are \$22 and available online @ www.juristsandjuleps.eventbrite.com

Traditional derby attire is encouraged. Your hat may be deemed the chicest chapeau of the evening in our Chic Chapeau Contest!

Events/Accommodations:

Private Room by the Track, Live Racing, Private Mutuel Tellers,
Chic Chapeau Contest, Hors d'oeuvres, and Cash Bar

SAN ANTONIO BLACK LAWYERS ASSOCIATION

The San Antonio Black Lawyers Association will host the **2010 Judicial Candidates Forum** on **Tuesday, October 12, 2010 at 6:00 p.m.** in the Sarita Kenedy East Law Library **Alumni Room**. Come meet the candidates, hear their qualifications, and make informed voting decisions. This event is made possible with the kind assistance of San Antonio Criminal Defense Lawyers Association, St. Mary's University Black Law Students Association, Hispanic Law Students Association, and the Asian Pacific American Law Student Association.

LONE STAR CLASSIC® — 2010 Call for Bailiffs and Marshals

St. Mary's Law School is hosting the **2010 Lone Star Classic®** **October 14th, 15th, and 16th**. The Classic is an **annual national invitational mock trial tournament**. This year, we are hosting teams from sixteen law schools. The preliminary rounds will be held on Thursday afternoon, Friday morning, and Friday afternoon at the Bexar County Courthouse. The semi-final rounds will be held in the classroom building on Saturday morning, October 16, at 9:00 a.m. The **final round will be held on Saturday at 2:00 p.m. in the law school's courtroom**.

This is a wonderful opportunity for students to personally observe excellent advocates from other schools. If you have any **interest in advocacy** or in supporting the school's advocacy programs, you are encouraged to attend at least the final round of the competition on Saturday afternoon. If you are interested in assisting in **serving as a bailiff or marshal**, or helping in any other way, (we need about 50 students) please contact Sina Ellis Griffith or Professor Dave Schlueter.

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BARBRI's MPRE review course is scheduled for **Saturday October, 23, 2010 from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 pm**. Registration will start at 8:00 a.m. The comprehensive review course includes:

- A dynamic four-hour lecture by an MPRE expert;
- An interactive lecture handout;
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Enrollment in the BARBRI MPRE review course DOES NOT register you for the MPRE. Please visit www.act.org/mpre to register for the exam.

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Reserve the date, **Thursday, October 28, 2010 to celebrate Red Mass, 5:00 p.m.** at San Fernando Cathedral. More information will be forthcoming. Students, faculty and staff of all faiths are invited to attend.

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LAW MINISTRY – MASS & FAITH FORMATION CLASSES

Sister Grace Walle, FMI is the Campus Minister for the St. Mary's University School of Law. Her office is located in **Room 105** of the **Ernest Raba (Law Faculty) building**. Sister Grace is available for pastoral counseling and spiritual guidance. Sister Grace also coordinates service programs that provide outreach to the community. Her telephone number is **(210) 436-3063**. Stop by for a cup of coffee or a PBJ sandwich, available just outside her office.

Faith Formation Classes – Confirmation Classes will begin **October 5, 7:30 p.m.** All classes will be held in the **University Ministry Office** in the Center For Life Directions building on campus. For more information please contact Irene Quesnot, Minister for Faith Formation and Faith Enrichment, iquesnot@stmarytx.edu or (210) 436-3065.

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The **Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA)** Program **needs your help!** The VITA

Program offers free tax help for low-to-moderate-income people who cannot prepare their own tax returns. **Certified volunteers**, trained by professors and students at the Bill Greehey School of Business, will prepare tax returns on **Saturdays during the tax season** at the Center for Legal and Social Justice.

Qualified law and business students will also prepare small business tax returns and interview individuals for legal assistance through the Civil Justice Clinic. Various opportunities exist for law students interested in tax and business law, including some paid positions.

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Professor Lee Strang is a graduate of the University of Iowa where he was Articles Editor of the *Iowa Law Review* and Order of the Coif. Professor Strang also holds an LL.M. degree from Harvard Law School. Professor Strang has published in the fields of constitutional law and interpretation, property law, and religion and the First Amendment. Most recently, he published *An Originalist Theory of Precedent: The Privileged Place of Originalist Precedent* in the *B.Y.U. Law Review* among other scholarly projects. He is currently editing a case book on constitutional law for LexisNexis and drafting a book proposal tentatively titled *Originalism: Its Promise and Limits*.

Dean Michael Ariens is the Associate Dean for the Evening Law Program and Professor of Law at our own St. Mary's University. He earned his B.A in 1979 from St. Norbert College, his J.D. in 1982 from Marquette University and his LL.M. in 1987 from Harvard University. After graduating from law school, Professor Ariens was a law clerk at the Wisconsin Court of Appeals and an associate in a Washington, D.C. firm. Professor Ariens has taught at St. Mary's since 1987, in areas of: Constitutional law, Church and state, American legal history and Evidence. We are proud to have such educated and respected members of the legal community participate in our debate! **Don't miss this opportunity to learn about constitutional interpretation!**

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Students, please check your mailboxes for a **sweet treat from the Student Bar Association!** As an incentive to check your mail, we are randomly **placing gift cards and goodies** in your mailboxes in the Law Classroom building. Look this week to see if you have won!

HLSA VOTER REGISTRATION DRIVE

The **Hispanic Law Students Association** (HLSA) will be doing a **Voters Registration Drive** in the Law School Classroom Building on **Monday, October 4th from 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.** If you live in Bexar County and have not registered to vote please come visit us and get registered!

CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

Deadline October 4, 2010

Attention 3Ls: *The Scholar: St. Mary's Law Review on Minority Issues* is currently accepting Note submissions for Volume 13, 2010–2011.

The Scholar: St. Mary's Law Review on Minority Issues is committed to advocating for traditionally underrepresented groups. Our law review furthers legal discourse on various issues including race, ethnicity, sex, class, sexual orientation, religion, and age. All student Note submissions must include footnotes or endnotes and conform to *The Bluebook* (19th ed. 2010) and *The Greenbook* (12th ed. 2010). Please email submissions to lawscholar@stmarytx.edu by **October 4, 2010**.

OFFICE OF ACADEMIC SUPPORT

Barbri Texas Essay Workshop

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Attention 2Ls and 3Ls – be sure to attend these upcoming workshops:
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Kaplan/PMBR Workshop on the MBE (Multiple Choice) on **October 12, 2010** from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. in LC101. **Please RSVP** to Alice Contreras in the Office of Academic Support, LF106, or by telephone at (210) 431-4340, or email at academicsupport@stmarytx.edu. These Bar Prep Workshops **will teach you the skills** you need to know in order to succeed on the Texas Bar Exam.

Attention all 1Ls

Are you **spending enough time preparing** for each class? Do your briefs contain all of the necessary information? What is your outline supposed to look like? Do you have enough time to get everything done? We recommend that you come and see us early in the semester to get answers to all of these questions and more.

Join our **Facebook** page, **St. Mary's Academic Support**, follow us on **twitter** at www.twitter.com/stmaryOAS. Come see us in Raba, Suite 106. Contact us at 210-431-4340.

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ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN LAW STUDENT ASSOCIATION

Please join APALSA as they present **Adam Chester**, Department of Homeland Security, United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), Office of Chief Counsel, Central Law Division. Mr. Chester will be discussing his current position, recent issues in immigration law and the internship program at DHS USCIS. **Tuesday, October 5, 2010 at 4:00 p.m.** in the **Alumni Room** of the Sarita Kenedy East Law Library. A light lunch will be served.

DEMOCRATIC LAW STUDENTS ASSOCIATION

The **Democratic Law Students Association** is hosting a **Judicial Meet & Greet Mixer** featuring a number of leading judges and judicial candidates, as well as leading attorneys from the community. The event will be at **Azuca Nueva Latino, 713 S. Alamo** on **Tuesday, October 5, 2010 from 5:30 – 8:00 p.m.** Come out and meet the candidates! Drinks and appetizers will be provided at the event.

DALLAS ALUMNI STUDENT CHAPTER

Want to Practice in Dallas? Then join the Dallas Alumni Student Chapter (DASC). The DASC works specifically with the Dallas Alumni Chapter of St. Mary's Law grads currently working in Dallas. Our focus is finding clerkships, internships, and jobs for St. Mary's Law students in Dallas. Please join us for our first meeting of the year on **Wednesday, October 6, 2010, 4:30 – 5:30 p.m.** in the **Law Alumni Room** of the Sarita Kenedy East Law Library. Food and drinks will be provided.

THE FEDERALIST SOCIETY – The Law of McDonald's: Hot Coffee, Obesity, and Prank Phone Calls

The **Federalist Society** is proud to announce a speech by **Ted Frank**, Resident Fellow, American Enterprise Institute (AEI) and President, Center for Class Action Fairness. Come hear this unique topic and learn about how McDonald's has changed the way people view the law in America and how the law has substantively changed as a result of the lawsuits against McDonald's. The speech will be on **October 7, 2010 in LF108** from **12:30 – 2:30 p.m.** **Lunch will be served and sorry, there will not be happy meals. Catered food only.**

Ted Frank specializes in product liability, class actions, and civil procedure. Before joining AEI, Mr. Frank was a litigator from 1995 to 2005 and clerked for the Honorable Frank H. Easterbrook on the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals. Mr. Frank has written for law reviews, the *Wall Street Journal*, the *Washington Post*, and *The American Spectator* and has testified before Congress multiple times on legal issues. He writes for the award-winning legal blogs PointOfLaw.com and Overlawyered, and the *Wall Street Journal* has called him a "leading tort-reform advocate." Mr. Frank was recently elected to membership in the American Law Institute. Mr. Frank earned his J.D. from the University of Chicago Law School and his B.A. from Brandeis University.

SPORTS AND ENTERTAINMENT LAW SOCIETY

The **Sports and Entertainment Law Society** (SELS) would like to invite you to join them as they welcome guest speaker **Marcus Brown**, a signed **Def Jam** artist/producer whose single has managed to stay on the Billboard Top 100 Hip/Hop/R&B charts for 19 weeks, peaking at #51. Join us on **October 7, 2010** from **4:00 – 5:00 p.m.** Location TBD. Please sign up with SELS on TWEN to receive updated emails regarding future meetings. Hope to see you there!

JURISTS & JULEPS

The **Evening Student Bar Association** is having a scholarship fundraiser and Law Alumni networking event at **Retama Park** on **Saturday, October 9, 2010** at **6:00 p.m.** Please come out and have some "Kentucky Derby" style fun! All Students, Faculty, Staff, and Alumni are welcome. Tickets are \$22 and available online at www.juristsandjuleps.eventbrite.com

Traditional derby attire is encouraged. Your hat may be deemed the chicest chapeau of the evening in our Chic Chapeau Contest!

Events/Accommodations:

Private Room by the Track, Live Racing, Private Mutuel Tellers,
Chic Chapeau Contest, Hors d'oeuvres, and Cash Bar

STUDENT ANIMAL LEGAL DEFENSE FUND – Donations Needed

St. Mary's University School of Law **Student Animal Legal Defense Fund Association** (SALDF) is collecting dry and canned dog food, as well as newspapers for a family who rescued a dog off the streets of San Antonio. The Ramirez family took in the abandoned dog, now named Daisy. They are willing to care for and love her. However, three days later Daisy had five beautiful puppies. The Ramirez's are able to physically care for the puppies, but they cannot financially afford them. The puppies are only four weeks old, not old enough to go to a shelter or find homes. Please donate any dry or canned puppy or dog food you can to help raise the puppies until they are 8 weeks old and can be placed in loving, caring homes. A donation box has been placed in the Law Classroom building for your contributions. Thank you.

SAN ANTONIO BLACK LAWYERS ASSOCIATION

The San Antonio Black Lawyers Association will host the **2010 Judicial Candidates Forum** on **Tuesday, October 12, 2010** at **6:00 p.m.** in the Sarita Kenedy East Law Library **Alumni Room**. Come meet the candidates, hear their qualifications, and make informed voting decisions. This event is made possible with the kind assistance of San Antonio Criminal Defense Lawyers Association, St. Mary's University Black Law Students Association, Hispanic Law Students Association, and the Asian Pacific American Law Student Association.

LONE STAR CLASSIC® — 2010

Call for Bailiffs and Marshals

St. Mary's Law School is hosting the **2010 Lone Star Classic® October 14th, 15th, and 16th**. The Classic is an **annual national invitational mock trial tournament**. This year, we are hosting teams from sixteen law schools. The preliminary rounds will be held on Thursday afternoon, Friday morning, and Friday afternoon at the Bexar County Courthouse. The semi-final rounds will be held in the classroom building on Saturday morning, October 16, at 9:00 a.m. **The final round will be held on Saturday at 2:00 p.m. in the law school's courtroom.**

This is a wonderful opportunity for students to personally observe excellent advocates from other schools. If you have any **interest in advocacy** or in supporting the school's advocacy programs, you are encouraged to attend at least the final round of the competition on Saturday afternoon. If you are interested in assisting in **serving as a bailiff or marshal**, or helping in any other way, (we need about 50 students) please contact Sina Ellis Griffith or Professor Dave Schlueter.

BARBRI'S MPRE REVIEW COURSE

BARBRI's MPRE review course is scheduled for **Saturday October, 23, 2010 from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 pm**. Registration will start at 8:00 a.m. The comprehensive review course includes:

- A dynamic four-hour lecture by an MPRE expert;
- An interactive lecture handout;
- Access to our exclusive StudySmart™ computer software; and
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The BARBRI MPRE review course is FREE. However, **you must still RESERVE your seat and materials** by enrolling [online](#) no later than **October 18**. For students who have already established a username and password, click on *Enrolled Student Center*, then *My Account*

Enrollment in the BARBRI MPRE review course DOES NOT register you for the MPRE. Please visit www.act.org/mpre to register for the MPRE exam.

RESERVE THE DATE – RED MASS

Reserve the date, **Thursday, October 28, 2010 to celebrate Red Mass, 5:00 p.m.** at San Fernando Cathedral. More information will be forthcoming. Students, faculty and staff of all faiths are invited to attend.

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<u>Examination Dates</u>	<u>File No Earlier Than</u>	<u>Timely Postmark Deadline</u>	<u>Absolute Postmark Deadline</u>
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Sister Grace Walle, FMI is the Campus Minister for the St. Mary's University School of Law. Her office is located in **Room 105** of the **Ernest Raba (Law Faculty) building**. Sister Grace is available for pastoral counseling and spiritual guidance. Sister Grace also coordinates service programs that provide outreach to the community. Her telephone number is **(210) 436-3063**. Stop by for a cup of coffee or a PBJ sandwich, available just outside her office.

Faith Formation Classes – Confirmation Classes will begin **October 5, 7:30 p.m.** All classes will be held in the **University Ministry Office** in the Center For Life Directions building on campus. For more information please contact Irene Quesnot, Minister for Faith Formation and Faith Enrichment, iquesnot@stmarytx.edu or (210) 436-3065.

CALL FOR JUDGES

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Career Services will host the below listed programs. To attend, **please register in the Events section of Symplicity under Workshops**. PLEASE NOTE: Registration is important so that we may order enough food for everyone. If you are a 1L and wish to attend a program you can email Alicia Mendoza at amendozal@stmarytx.edu. First year students will not have access to Symplicity until November 1st.

Tuesday October 5, 2010

12:15 to 1:15 p.m., Alumni Room, Sarita Kenedy East Law Library. Lunch will be served!
"The Practice of Criminal Law: The Trial of a High Profile Case."

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Legal Services for the Poor Luncheon

Wednesday, October 13, 2010

12:00 to 1:00 p.m., Alumni Room, Sarita Kenedy East Law Library. Lunch will be served!
Construction Law Luncheon

Tuesday, October 19, 2010

5:30 to 6:30 p.m., Alumni Room
CIA Information Session

Wednesday, November 10, 2010

12:00 to 1:00 p.m., Alumni Room, Sarita Kenedy East Law Library. Lunch will be served!
Association of Corporate Counsel (ACC) Information Session and Lunch.

1L FINGERPRINTING

L1 Identity Solutions will conduct the **fingerprinting for all first-year law students** for the Declaration of Intent for the Board of Law Examiners (BLE). Fingerprinting will take place **Wednesday and Thursday, November 10-11, 2010 from 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.** on both days in **LF202**. Students must register online in advance of these dates. L1 Identity Solutions will NOT accept walk-ins. The FAST Form is printed with the Declaration of Intent when that form is completed and printed for mailing to the BLE. Students can pay by credit card only when scheduling their appointment or by check or money order on the date of the appointment. Cash is not accepted. Please check your St. Mary's Student Email account for more details on the 1L Fingerprinting process.

VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The **Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA)** Program **needs your help!** The VITA Program offers free tax help for low-to-moderate-income people who cannot prepare their own tax returns. **Certified volunteers**, trained by professors and students at the Bill Greehey School of Business, will prepare tax returns on **Saturdays during the tax season** at the Center for Legal and Social Justice.

Qualified law and business students will also prepare small business tax returns and interview individuals for legal assistance through the Civil Justice Clinic. Various opportunities exist for law students interested in tax and business law, including some paid positions.

Working with VITA is a great way to help the community while receiving hands on experience in this field.

If you are interested, please contact Rachael Bernstein at rbernstein@stmarytx.edu. Training will begin in early January.

PRO BONO/COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

The **Pro Bono/Community Service Program** provides current law students with

opportunities to work with licensed attorneys and other professionals committed to serving members of the community with free legal information and services. In addition to helping fill a great need, **students gain first hand practical experience** while establishing professional ties with the legal community. Students who volunteer and report at least 50 hours of qualified work are eligible for a Pro Bono Achievement Award Certificate **during their graduation ceremony**.

Volunteer opportunities consist of public clinics, outreach programs, and special events in various legal areas. Our opportunities give you a chance to use other talents to help those in need. For example, if you speak Spanish, join our Civil Justice Clinic on a Laredo and Eagle Pass border trips helping them translate intakes at some of the poorest community centers. **Learn more on the Pro Bono TWEN page** and use the sign-up sheets to volunteer.

All law students are invited and encouraged to visit and sign-up on the Pro Bono Clinics/Community Service TWEN site. **NOTE:** Even if you signed up for the Pro Bono TWEN site before, you must re-add the course again this year.

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The San Antonio Black Lawyers Association will host the **2010 Judicial Candidates Forum** on **Tuesday, October 12, 2010 at 6:00 p.m.** in the Sarita Kenedy East Law Library **Alumni Room**. Come meet the candidates, hear their qualifications, and make informed voting decisions. This event is made possible with the kind assistance of San Antonio Criminal Defense Lawyers Association, St. Mary's University Black Law Students Association, Hispanic Law Students Association, and the Asian Pacific American Law Student Association.

WOMEN'S LAW ASSOCIATION

Please join the Women's Law Association (WLA) at its second meeting of the year on **Wednesday, October 13, 2010 at 12:00 p.m. in LC101**. **Judge Monica Guerrero** from Bexar County Court No. 7 will speak. An evening meeting will also take place at **5:00 p.m.** in the **Alumni Room** of the Sarita Kenedy East Law Library. Food will be served at both meetings. Please sign up with WLA on TWEN to receive e-mail reminders regarding future meetings. Hope to see you there!

1L CIVIL PROCEDURE PROFESSOR PANEL

Wednesday, October 13, 2010, 4:30 -- 5:50 p.m., LC101

Panelists: Professor Al Kauffman, Professor Doug Haddock, and Professor Jamie Lund

All 1Ls from all sections are encouraged to attend this panel. Each professor will provide valuable advice and perspectives about their Civil Procedure class followed by a

question and answer session. We hope to see you all there.

MEET-n-GREET FOR OLDER LAW STUDENTS

Law Ministry is sponsoring a **Meet-n-Greet** luncheon for older students, married couples, and/or law students with children on **Thursday, October 14, 2010, 12:00 p.m.**, in the **Raba Building Foyer**. Please join us to network, make connections and arrange for social opportunities. Lunch provided.

SPORTS AND ENTERTAINMENT LAW SOCIETY

The Sports and Entertainment Law Society (SELS) is excited to welcome back guest speaker **Andrew Borrego, JD**. Mr. Borrego is a Sports and Entertainment lawyer who graduated from St. Mary's University School of Law in 2000. His clients include professional athletes, TV personalities, models, comedians, musicians, and more. He has a wealth of experience and stories to share, and is a VERY exciting guest speaker. Come join us for this excellent opportunity on **Thursday, October 14, 2010 at 4:00 p.m. in the Raba Law Faculty Building, room 107**. Everyone is welcome. Dinner will be served. We hope to see you there!

INNSBRUCK FUNDRAISER

Join the St. Mary's School of Law **Innsbruck Fundraiser** for Flint brewed beer and BBQ on **Friday, October 15, 2010, 6:30 p.m.** at Professor Richard Flint's house, **108 West Mulberry Avenue**. A \$10 donation at the door gets you food, drink, and a chance at fabulous prizes. Join us to find out about scholarship opportunities and learn about the best Austrian hiking trails. Bring your spouse or a friend and BYOB or wine. This event is sponsored by Law Ministry and the Student Bar Association.

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All year groups

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LONE STAR CLASSIC® — 2010 **Call for Bailiffs and Marshals**

St. Mary's Law School is hosting the **2010 Lone Star Classic® October 14th, 15th, and 16th**. The Classic is an **annual national invitational mock trial tournament**. This year, we are hosting teams from sixteen law schools. The preliminary rounds will be held on Thursday afternoon, Friday morning, and Friday afternoon at the Bexar County Courthouse. The semi-final rounds will be held in the classroom building on Saturday morning, October 16, at 9:00 a.m. **The final round will be held on Saturday at 2:00 p.m. in the law school's courtroom.**

This is a wonderful opportunity for students to personally observe excellent advocates from other schools. If you have any **interest in advocacy** or in supporting the school's advocacy programs, you are encouraged to attend at least the final round of the competition on Saturday afternoon. If you are interested in assisting in **serving as a bailiff or marshal**, or helping in any other way, (we need about 50 students) please contact Sina Ellis Griffith or Professor Dave Schlueter.

BARBRI'S MPRE REVIEW COURSE

BARBRI's MPRE review course is scheduled for **Saturday October, 23, 2010 from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 pm**. Registration will start at 8:00 a.m. The comprehensive review course includes:

- A dynamic four-hour lecture by an MPRE expert;
- An interactive lecture handout;
- Access to our exclusive StudySmart™ computer software; and
- BARBRI's Professional Responsibility book which contains a comprehensive outline, a mini-review outline for last minute study, hundreds of practice questions and four representative 60-question practice exams.

The BARBRI MPRE review course is FREE. However, **you must still RESERVE your seat and materials** by enrolling [online](#) no later than **October 18**. For students who have already established a username and password, click on *Enrolled Student Center*, then *My Account*

Enrollment in the BARBRI MPRE review course DOES NOT register you for the MPRE. Please visit www.act.org/mpre to register for the MPRE exam.

JOURNEY OF HOPE TEXAS TOUR

Join members of the St. Mary's University and surrounding community for **lunch** on **Monday, October 25, 2010 at 12:00 p.m., Alumni Room**, Sarita Kenedy East Law Library as we welcome and listen to the **Journey of Hope Texas Tour**. Journey of Hope is an organization that conducts public education tours and addresses **alternative to the death penalty**, and is led by murder victim family members joined by death row family members, family members of the executed and the exonerated. This event is co-sponsored by The Marianist Social Justice Collaborative Anti-Death Penalty Issue Team. For more information please contact Sister Grace Walle, (210) 436-3063 or Brother Brian Halderman, (210) 436-2237.

RESERVE THE DATE – RED MASS

Reserve the date, **Thursday, October 28, 2010 to celebrate Red Mass, 5:00 p.m.** at San Fernando Cathedral. More information will be forthcoming. Students, faculty and staff of all faiths are invited to attend.

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February	June 30	August 30	October 30
July	November 30	January 30	March 30

LAW MINISTRY

Sister Grace Walle, FMI is the Campus Minister for the St. Mary's University School of Law. Her office is located in **Room 105** of the **Ernest Raba (Law Faculty) building**. Sister Grace is available for pastoral counseling and spiritual guidance. Sister Grace also coordinates service programs that provide outreach to the community. Her telephone number is **(210) 436-3063**. Stop by for a cup of coffee or a PBJ sandwich, available just outside her office.

CALL FOR JUDGES

Attention 2Ls and 3Ls: the **Board of Advocates** is calling for students to judge the **Fall Evening Student** portion of the second annual Linda and Dave Schlueter First Year Moot Court Competition. The round will be held the evening of Friday, November 5, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. If you are interested please contact Ben Zimmerman at benjamin.t.zimmerman@gmail.com or Brian Cromeens at bcromeens@gmail.com.

OFFICE OF CAREER SERVICES – UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Career Services will host the below listed programs. To attend, **please register in the Events section of Symplicity under Workshops**. PLEASE NOTE: Registration is important so

that we may order enough food for everyone. If you are a 1L and wish to attend a program you can email Alicia Mendoza at amendoza1@stmarytx.edu. First year students will not have access to Symplicity until November 1st.

Wednesday, October 13, 2010

12:00 to 1:00 p.m., Alumni Room, Sarita Kenedy East Law Library. Lunch will be served!
Construction Law Luncheon

The Office of Career Services is hosting a luncheon meeting of The Construction Law Section of the San Antonio Bar Association. The section will present information about the practice area and how to find jobs in this area. If you are truly interested in construction law and wish to attend, please log into Symplicity at: <https://law-stmarytx-csm.symplicity.com/students/> and upload a resume to the Documents tab and RSVP by going to the Events tab and click on Workshops. Last year this event with the section resulted in jobs so please join us for a lunch hour of terrific networking!

Tuesday, October 19, 2010

5:30 to 6:30 p.m., Alumni Room, Sarita Kenedy East Law Library
CIA Information Session

Come learn about careers with the CIA. Representatives will be here from the National Clandestine Services to talk about internships and permanent jobs.

Wednesday, November 10, 2010

12:00 to 1:00 p.m., Alumni Room, Sarita Kenedy East Law Library. Lunch will be served!
Association of Corporate Counsel (ACC) Information Session and Lunch

Come learn more about what it means to be an in house counsel at a corporation and network with some local in house corporate attorneys.

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The Student Bar Association and the Office of Career Services present **The 6Ps of the Big 3 for Job-Seeking JDs**: 6++ Ways to Get Hired Using Social Networking teaches law students and lawyers how to incorporate the 6Ps; outlines over 60 ways to use the Big 3 sites to get hired; and provides over 200 examples of lawyers and law students using the Big 3 sites, including legal professionals who successfully used social networking to get hired.

Come hear author, **Amanda C. Ellis** speak about how to use these concepts in your job search! **Wednesday, November 3, 2010, 12:30 – 1:30 p.m., Alumni Room, Sarita Kenedy East Law Library.** Lunch will be provided. The first 50 attendees who RSVP will receive a free copy of the book. **Please RSVP** in the Events Section of Symplicity under Workshops. This event is sponsored by Themis Bar Review.

1L FINGERPRINTING

L1 Identity Solutions will conduct the **fingerprinting for all first-year law students** for the Declaration of Intent for the Board of Law Examiners (BLE). Fingerprinting will take

place **Wednesday and Thursday, November 10-11, 2010 from 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.** on both days in **LF202**. Students must register online in advance of these dates. L1 Identity Solutions will NOT accept walk-ins. The FAST Form is printed with the Declaration of Intent when that form is completed and printed for mailing to the BLE. Students can pay by credit card only when scheduling their appointment or by check or money order on the date of the appointment. Cash is not accepted. Please check your St. Mary's Student Email account for more details on the 1L Fingerprinting process.

VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The **Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA)** Program **needs your help!** The VITA Program offers free tax help for low-to-moderate-income people who cannot prepare their own tax returns. **Certified volunteers**, trained by professors and students at the Bill Greehey School of Business, will prepare tax returns on **Saturdays during the tax season** at the Center for Legal and Social Justice.

Qualified law and business students will also prepare small business tax returns and interview individuals for legal assistance through the Civil Justice Clinic. Various opportunities exist for law students interested in tax and business law, including some paid positions.

Working with VITA is a great way to help the community while receiving hands on experience in this field.

If you are interested, please contact Rachael Bernstein at rbernstein@stmarytx.edu. Training will begin in early January.

PRO BONO/COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

The **Pro Bono/Community Service Program** provides current law students with opportunities to work with licensed attorneys and other professionals committed to serving members of the community with free legal information and services. In addition to helping fill a great need, **students gain first hand practical experience** while establishing professional ties with the legal community. Students who volunteer and report at least 50 hours of qualified work are eligible for a Pro Bono Achievement Award Certificate **during their graduation ceremony**.

Volunteer opportunities consist of public clinics, outreach programs, and special events in various legal areas. Our opportunities give you a chance to use other talents to help those in need. For example, if you speak Spanish, join our Civil Justice Clinic on a Laredo and Eagle Pass border trips helping them translate intakes at some of the poorest community centers. **Learn more on the Pro Bono TWEN page** and use the sign-up sheets to volunteer.

All law students are invited and encouraged to visit and sign-up on the Pro Bono Clinics/Community Service TWEN site. NOTE: Even if you signed up for the Pro Bono TWEN site before, you must re-add the course again this year.

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The **Texas Young Lawyers Association (TYLA)** is offering a \$1,000 scholarship to one minority law student at each of the ABA-accredited law schools in Texas. Applications are available at <http://www.tyla.org/index.cfm/resources/law-students/scholarships/>. Applications must be postmarked no later than **October 15, 2010**.

The **National Law Review (NLR)** is pleased to announce they are accepting submissions for the NLR 2010 Law Student Writing Competition. Deadline for a Labor & Employment Law topic is **October 25, 2010**. For information and submission guidelines, please visit <http://www.natlawreview.com/NLR-law-student-writing-competition>.

Banner & Witcoff is proud to offer the **Donald W. Banner** Diversity Scholarship for law students. This scholarship is part of Banner & Witcoff's commitment to fostering the development of intellectual property lawyers from diverse backgrounds. Please visit www.bannerwitcoff.com/diversity for details of this scholarship. Applications will be accepted through **November 1, 2010**.

College of Workers' Compensation Lawyers announces its 2010 Writing Competition. The scope of permissible topics is broad, i.e., any aspect of workers' compensation law. Students are encouraged to present on a public policy issue, a critique of a leading case or doctrine; or a comment on a statute or the need for a statutory modification. First prize is \$1,500, second prize is \$1,000 and third prize is \$500. For complete rules please visit <http://www.law.duke.edu/news/story?id=4768&u=10>. Deadline to apply is **November 1, 2010**.

The **Association of Securities and Exchange Commission Alumni, Inc. (ASECA)** is pleased to announce their 2010 Securities Law Writing Competition. First place prize is \$5,000, second place is \$3,000 and third place is \$2,000. The topic may be any subject in the field of securities law. For rules, please go to <http://www.secalumni.org/content.asp?contentid=4>. Deadline to apply is **November 15, 2010**.

The **American College of Consumer Financial Services Lawyers** is pleased to announce awards to be presented for (a) the best book chapter or book, (b) the best publishable article or substantial book review, and, (c) the best student case note or comment on a **topic dealing with consumer financial services law**. The awards are cash payments of \$2500, \$2000, and \$1000, respectively, a Certificate of Recognition from the College and travel expenses to attend the Spring 2010 meeting of the College. Entries for an award may be published or unpublished, and must be submitted to the College before **November 15, 2010**. For more information go to <http://www.accfsl.org>.

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The State Bar of Texas Labor and Employment Law Section is sponsoring a written competition to all law student interested in the field of labor and employment law. A cash prize of \$2000 will be awarded to the author of the winning submission. Deadline to apply is **November 15, 2010**.

National Advocates for Pregnant Women (NAPW) presents their 2009-2010 NAPW Law Student Writing Competition. This year's contest is "Birthing Rights as a Matter of Gender Equality. The full description of the contest is available here: [Birthing Rights Prompt](#). The first prize entry will receive \$1000. The second prize is \$500 and third prize is \$250. Deadline to apply is **December 15, 2010**.

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STUDENT ANIMAL LEGAL DEFENSE FUND Announcements

St. Mary's University School of Law **Student Animal Legal Defense Fund** (SALDF) is proud to announce Valerie Stipp as Secretary to the organization. She will be a valuable member and asset to the board.

SALDF will be conducting a **puppet show to entertain the children at Boo Bash**. We are in need of help! Please volunteer to help for one or more of the following; fill goodie bags

prior to the event, pass out goodie bags to the children AFTER the puppet show, lead the children to their sets and help decorate and set up the stage. Also and most important, a **puppeteer is needed!** One or two people can volunteer to be the Puppeteer. No experience is necessary, but enthusiasm to play the parts is a must. If interested in volunteering for any of the above please contact Melissa Lesniak at mlesniak@mail.stmarytx.edu

SALDF wishes to thank those who have donated dog food to the puppy who was recently rescued. SALDF continues its donation drive to collect dry and canned dog food, as well as newspapers for a family who rescued a dog off the streets of San Antonio. A donation box has been placed in the Law Classroom building for your contributions.

CYBERSECURITY AWARENESS MONTH

Join us on **Thursday, October 21, 2010, 12:00 – 1:00 p.m., Alumni Room**, Sarita Kenedy East Law Library, to hear Professor Jeffrey Addicott speak on *CyberSecurity Issues of Today*. A light lunch will be served.

BARBRI'S MPRE REVIEW COURSE

BARBRI's MPRE review course is scheduled for **Saturday October, 23, 2010 from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 pm**. Registration will start at 8:00 a.m. The comprehensive review course includes:

- A dynamic four-hour lecture by an MPRE expert;
- An interactive lecture handout;
- Access to our exclusive StudySmart™ computer software; and
- BARBRI's Professional Responsibility book which contains a comprehensive outline, a mini-review outline for last minute study, hundreds of practice questions and four representative 60-question practice exams.

The BARBRI MPRE review course is FREE. However, **you must still RESERVE your seat and materials** by enrolling [online](#) no later than **October 18**. For students who have already established a username and password, click on *Enrolled Student Center*, then *My Account*

Enrollment in the BARBRI MPRE review course DOES NOT register you for the MPRE. Please visit www.act.org/mpre to register for the MPRE exam.

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EVERY YEAR, SAYLA invites law students to attend this great event and they even offer a special discount price of \$50 for both events. SBA has placed all registration information on TWEN, BUT in order to ensure that law students are able to engage in this great opportunity, **SBA has approved to pay for SIX individuals to attend the event FREE OF COST.** If you are interested in attending, please **EMAIL** Dexter Jordan (SAYLA REP) at cdexteriv@gmail.com.

If more than SIX students are interested, we will simply draw names out of a hat for the desired spots. **PLEASE LET US KNOW BY Wednesday, October 20, 2010 if you are interested in attending this great opportunity.**

Any Questions? Email Dexter Jordan above or Shelly Enyart at Shelly_e2002@yahoo.com

It is time to start engaging and learning more about our legal community, so take up this opportunity!

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RESERVE THE DATE – RED MASS

Reserve the date, **Thursday, October 28, 2010 to celebrate Red Mass, 5:00 p.m.** at San Fernando Cathedral. More information will be forthcoming. Students, faculty and staff of all

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TEXAS BOARD OF LAW EXAMINERS – FILING DEADLINES

<u>Examination Dates</u>	<u>File No Earlier Than</u>	<u>Timely Postmark Deadline</u>	<u>Absolute Postmark Deadline</u>
February	June 30	August 30	October 30
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LAW MINISTRY

Sister Grace Walle, FMI is the Campus Minister for the St. Mary's University School of Law. Her office is located in **Room 105** of the **Ernest Raba (Law Faculty) building**. Sister Grace is available for pastoral counseling and spiritual guidance. Sister Grace also coordinates service programs that provide outreach to the community. Her telephone number is **(210) 436-3063**. Stop by for a cup of coffee or a PBJ sandwich, available just outside her office.

CALL FOR JUDGES

Attention 2Ls and 3Ls: the **Board of Advocates** is calling for students to judge the **Fall Evening Student** portion of the second annual Linda and Dave Schlueter First Year Moot Court Competition. The round will be held the evening of Friday, November 5, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. If you are interested please contact Ben Zimmerman at benjamin.t.zimmerman@gmail.com or Brian Cromeens at bcromeens@gmail.com.

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Tuesday, October 19, 2010

5:30 to 6:30 p.m., Alumni Room, Sarita Kenedy East Law Library

CIA Information Session

Come learn about careers with the CIA. Representatives will be here from the National Clandestine Services to talk about internships and permanent jobs.

Wednesday, November 10, 2010

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Come hear author, **Amanda C. Ellis** speak about how to use these concepts in your job search! **Wednesday, November 3, 2010, 12:30 – 1:30 p.m., Alumni Room, Sarita Kenedy East Law Library.** Lunch will be provided. The first 50 attendees who RSVP will receive a free copy of the book. **Please RSVP** in the Events Section of Symplicity under Workshops. This event is sponsored by Themis Bar Review.

1L FINGERPRINTING

L1 Identity Solutions will conduct the **fingerprinting for all first-year law students** for the Declaration of Intent for the Board of Law Examiners (BLE). Fingerprinting will take place **Wednesday and Thursday, November 10-11, 2010 from 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.** on both days in **LF202**. Students must register online in advance of these dates. L1 Identity Solutions will NOT accept walk-ins. The FAST Form is printed with the Declaration of Intent when that form is completed and printed for mailing to the BLE. Students can pay by credit card only when scheduling their appointment or by check or money order on the date of the appointment. Cash is not accepted. Please check your St. Mary's Student Email account for more details on the 1L Fingerprinting process.

VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The **Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA)** Program **needs your help!** The VITA Program offers free tax help for low-to-moderate-income people who cannot prepare their own tax returns. **Certified volunteers**, trained by professors and students at the Bill Greehey School of Business, will prepare tax returns on **Saturdays during the tax season** at the Center for Legal and Social Justice.

Qualified law and business students will also prepare small business tax returns and interview individuals for legal assistance through the Civil Justice Clinic. Various opportunities exist for law students interested in tax and business law, including some paid positions.

Working with VITA is a great way to help the community while receiving hands on experience in this field.

If you are interested, please contact Rachael Bernstein at rbernstein@stmarytx.edu. Training will begin in early January.

THE PRO BONO/COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM HAS A NEW EMAIL ADDRESS & OFFICE HOURS

All current law students are still encouraged to sign up and visit the **Pro Bono TWEN site** for more information on Pro Bono and Community Service volunteer opportunities that count towards achieving the Pro Bono and/or the Community Service Achievement Certificates. (Students who complete 50 hours of qualifying volunteer work are eligible to receive either/each certificate. See the TWEN site for more information.)

Students can also visit the Pro Bono/Community Service **Information Desk located in the Raba Building** lobby. The current RA will generally be available to answer questions and receive hours tracking forms Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 11:00 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.

For more information visit the Pro Bono TWEN site or contact the current Pro Bono Services Division Research Assistant, Cristina Zambrano, at StMarysProBono@gmail.com.

WRITING COMPETITIONS, FELLOWSHIPS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

For a copy of detailed information regarding the below writing competitions and scholarships, please email Bebe Gonzales at bgonzales@stmarytx.edu.

The **National Law Review (NLR)** is pleased to announce they are accepting submissions for the NLR 2010 Law Student Writing Competition. Deadline for a Labor & Employment Law topic is **October 25, 2010**. For information and submission guidelines, please visit <http://www.natlawreview.com/NLR-law-student-writing-competition>.

Banner & Witcoff is proud to offer the **Donald W. Banner** Diversity Scholarship for law students. This scholarship is part of Banner & Witcoff's commitment to fostering the development of intellectual property lawyers from diverse backgrounds. Please visit www.bannerwitcoff.com/diversity for details of this scholarship. Applications will be accepted through **November 1, 2010**.

College of Workers' Compensation Lawyers announces its 2010 Writing Competition. The scope of permissible topics is broad, i.e., any aspect of workers' compensation law. Students are encouraged to present on a public policy issue, a critique of a leading case or doctrine; or a comment on a statute or the need for a statutory modification. First prize is \$1,500, second prize is \$1,000 and third prize is \$500. For complete rules please visit <http://www.law.duke.edu/news/story?id=4768&u=10>. Deadline to apply is **November 1, 2010**.

The **Association of Securities and Exchange Commission Alumni, Inc. (ASECA)** is pleased to announce their 2010 Securities Law Writing Competition. First place prize is \$5,000, second place is \$3,000 and third place is \$2,000. The topic may be any subject in the field of securities law. For rules, please go to <http://www.secalumni.org/content.asp?contentid=4>. Deadline to apply is **November 15, 2010**.

The **American College of Consumer Financial Services Lawyers** is pleased to announce awards to be presented for (a) the best book chapter or book, (b) the best publishable article or substantial book review, and, (c) the best student case note or comment on a **topic dealing with consumer financial services law**. The awards are cash payments of \$2500, \$2000, and \$1000, respectively, a Certificate of Recognition from the College and travel expenses to attend the Spring 2010 meeting of the College. Entries for an award may be published or unpublished, and must be submitted to the College before **November 15, 2010**. For more information go to <http://www.accfsl.org>.

The Richard Linn American Inn of Court is proud to offer the **Mark T. Banner Scholarship** for law students. This scholarship is part of The Richard Linn American Inn of Court's commitment to fostering the development of intellectual property lawyers of high ethics, civility and professionalism, and especially those from diverse backgrounds. Recipients of the Mark T. Banner Scholarship will receive an amount anticipated to be at least \$5,000 payable during the Fall semester of 2011 toward tuition and law school expenses. Applications will be accepted through **November 15, 2010**. Please visit www.linninn.org for more information.

Constangy, Brooks & Smith, LLP is pleased to announce the 2010-2011 Diversity Scholars Awards of \$3,000 to one deserving second-year law student in each region. For more information and to download an application, please go online to <http://www.constangy.com/f-4.html>. Completed applications must be received by **November 15, 2010**.

The State Bar of Texas Labor and Employment Law Section is sponsoring a written competition to all law student interested in the field of labor and employment law. A cash prize of \$2000 will be awarded to the author of the winning submission. Deadline to apply is

November 15, 2010.

National Advocates for Pregnant Women (NAPW) presents their 2009-2010 NAPW Law Student Writing Competition. This year's contest is "Birthing Rights as a Matter of Gender Equality." The full description of the contest is available here: [Birthing Rights Prompt](#). The first prize entry will receive \$1000. The second prize is \$500 and third prize is \$250. Deadline to apply is **December 15, 2010**.

NEW – The **ABA, Section of Environment, Energy, and Resources** announces its law student writing competition. All students are eligible to submit an entry on issues addressing The Tension between Federal and State Law in Supporting and Regulating the Development of Renewable Energy or Distributed Energy Resources. Deadline to apply is **November 30, 2010**.

The **GRAMMY Foundation** along with the **ABA Forum on the Entertainment and Sports Industries** announces the 13th Annual Entertainment Law Initiative Writing Competition.

The GRAMMY Foundation, in concert with some of the most prominent entertainment attorneys, established the Entertainment Law Initiative to promote discussion and debate about the most compelling legal issues facing the music industry today. First place winner receives \$5,000, four second place winners receive \$1,500. All winners will receive One GRAMMY Awards Show ticket, Round-Trip Ticket to the GRAMMY Awards, Hotel Accommodations, Ticket to MusicCares Person of the Year dinner. For additional information and competition rules, please go to the ELI Page on Facebook.com Search for "The Entertainment Law Initiative" or go to <http://tinyurl.com/ELIFacebook>. **Deadline January 3, 2011.**

NEW -- The ABA Section of Litigation will be accepting applications beginning December 1, 2010 for its **Summer 2011 Judicial Intern Opportunity Program** for second-year law students. The program places minority or economically disadvantaged students with state and federal judges for summer internships. Applications are due no later than **January 7, 2011**. For more information or to apply, please visit www.abanet.org/litigation/jiop.

The American College of Legal Medicine (ACLM) presents its 2011 Bioethics Student Writing Competition. The ACLM will present awards for outstanding original papers written by law or health professions students on topics in Bioethics. First place prize is \$1,000, second is \$500 and third is \$250. Please visit <http://www.aclm.org/resources/swc/pdfs/swc%202011.pdf> for more information. Deadline is **January 10, 2011**.

NEW -- **Santa Clara University School of Law** announces their 2011 Centennial Celebration Student Writing Competition on *Future Ethical Challenges*. For more information, please visit <http://law.scu.edu/100/writing-competition.cfm>. Entries must be received by **January 21, 2011**.

The American Indian Law Review (AILR) is pleased to announce its annual writing competition for 2010-2011. Papers will be accepted on any issue concerning American Indian Law. First place will be awarded \$1,000 and publication of paper in the AILR, an official periodical of the University of Oklahoma College of Law. Second place is \$500 and third place

is \$250. Deadline to apply is **6:00 p.m. CST, January 31, 2010.**

Transnational Law & Contemporary Problems a Journal of the University of Iowa College of Law announces its 2010-2011 **Trandafir International Business** Writing Competition. A \$2,000 cash prize will be awarded. Winning essay will also be published in Transnational Law & Contemporary Problems, a Journal of the University of Iowa College of Law. Entry deadline is **February 1, 2011.** For more information and contest rules, please visit http://www.uiowa.edu/~tlcp/trandafir_competition.html

NEW – Nightlight Christian Adoptions announce their fourth annual 2011 Embryo Law Essay Competition. The challenge will be to write a scholarly position paper in response to a problem presented regarding embryo donation/adoption. \$5,000.00 in prize money. To register or for more information please visit www.embryolaw.org. Deadline to enter is **Monday, March 7, 2011.**

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By VMM

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Since the reign of King Edward III, Red Mass has been a legal and judicial tradition. Its purpose is to join the ordinary and traditional celebration of the Mass to the traditions and processes of the courts and the law. This tradition continues today and is coordinated by St. Mary's University School of Law, the Catholic Lawyers Guild of San Antonio and representatives from the various San Antonio legal organizations, the judiciary, and the Texas legislature. **The inclusion of law students in the mass is unique to San Antonio**, and is a great opportunity to worship and network with members of the legal community, judiciary, and law alumni.

While Red Mass is the Catholic tradition of a Mass, we emphasize that this is an interfaith event and **everyone is welcome** to pray for the concerns of justice. The Most **Reverend Oscar G. Cantú, S.T.L., Auxiliary Bishop of San Antonio** will be the principal presider and homilist. The **Honorable Catherine Stone, Chief Justice of the Fourth Court of Appeals**, will offer reflections.

LONE STAR CLASSIC – 2010

On October 14-16, 2010, St. Mary's University School of Law hosted its annual **Lone Star Classic®**, a national invitational mock trial competition. This year, teams from 16 law schools from across the nation were invited to compete: Baylor, Buffalo, Campbell, Catholic University, University of Denver, Faulkner, Florida State, Fordham, University of Houston, LSU, Michigan State, South Texas, Stetson, Texas Tech, Texas Wesleyan, and Villanova. After three preliminary rounds, four teams advanced to the semi-final rounds: Faulkner, Florida State, South Texas, and Stetson. **South Texas and Faulkner advanced to the final rounds—in the law school's courtroom—with South Texas taking the title.** The judges for the final round were **Judge Patrick Higginbotham** of the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit, **Mr. Richard Durbin** of the United States Attorney's office of the Western District of Texas, and **Mr. Henry Bemporad**, Federal Public Defender of the Western District of Texas.

We could not have hosted this competition without the invaluable assistance of **Ms. Emileigh Stewart** and **Ms. Sina Ellis Griffith**, who served as Associate Directors, and **Mr. Ben Zimmerman**, who served on the competition's committee. In addition, **special thanks are due to the Board of Advocates and approximately 50 law students** who served as bailiffs and marshals and approximately **90 members of the local bench and the bar** who served as judges.

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Spring 2011 online registration continues through midnight **October 26, 2010** for all year groups. Please make sure there are no business office holds, or any other holds by any other department on your student account. If there is a hold on your student account, you **cannot** register. Law School personnel cannot remove any hold. Email Catherine Mery at cmery@stmarytx.edu with problems or concerns.

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will be auctioning off **four outings with our Generous Gents at 1:00 p.m. in the Law School Courtyard:** Nick Guinn (1L), Jonathan Watkins (2L), Justin Roberts (3L), and a Mystery Professor. Everyone is invited.

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The United States' Debt Crisis: The Thirteen Trillion Pound Elephant in the Room

By: Doug Bandow, Senior Fellow, Cato Institute

The Federalist Society is proud to announce a speech by Doug Bandow, Senior Fellow, Cato Institute. His speech is entitled, "The United States Debt Crisis: The Thirteen Trillion Pound Elephant in the Room." The speech will be on Friday, **October 29, 2010 in the Alumni Room from 12:00 – 2:00 p.m. Lunch will be served.** Come hear the facts about how the

ballooning U.S. debt will drastically change our country in the future and how it will impact your life.

Doug Bandow is a senior fellow at the Cato Institute, specializing in foreign policy and civil liberties. He worked as special assistant to President Reagan and editor of the political magazine *Inquiry*. He writes regularly for leading publications such as *Fortune* magazine, *National Interest*, *Wall Street Journal*, and *Washington Times*. **Bandow** speaks frequently at academic conferences, on college campuses, and to business groups. **Bandow** has been a regular commentator on ABC, CBS, NBC, CNN, Fox News Channel, and MSNBC. He holds a J.D. from Stanford University.

The purpose of The St. Mary's Federalist Society Chapter is to foster critical thought and debate about the application of conservative principles to the law. The Chapter embraces the principle that the state exists to preserve freedom, that the separation of governmental powers is central to the integrity of the Constitution of the United States of America, and that it is emphatically the province and duty of the judiciary to say what the law is – not what it should be. The Chapter seeks both to promote an awareness of these principles and to further their application through its activities. This entails reordering priorities within the legal system so as to place a premium on individual liberty, traditional values, and the rule of law. It also entails restoring recognition of these norms among lawyers, judges, law students, and professors.

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The **ABA, Section of Environment, Energy, and Resources** announces its law student writing competition. All students are eligible to submit an entry on issues addressing The Tension between Federal and State Law in Supporting and Regulating the Development of Renewable Energy or Distributed Energy Resources. Deadline to apply is **November 30, 2010**.

National Advocates for Pregnant Women (NAPW) presents their 2009-2010 NAPW Law Student Writing Competition. This year's contest is "Birthing Rights as a Matter of Gender Equality." The full description of the contest is available here: [Birthing Rights Prompt](#). The first prize entry will receive \$1000. The second prize is \$500 and third prize is \$250. Deadline to apply is **December 15, 2010**.

The **GRAMMY Foundation** along with the **ABA Forum on the Entertainment and Sports Industries** announces the 13th Annual Entertainment Law Initiative Writing Competition. The GRAMMY Foundation, in concert with some of the most prominent entertainment attorneys, established the Entertainment Law Initiative to promote discussion and debate about the most compelling legal issues facing the music industry today. First place winner receives \$5,000, four second place winners receive \$1,500. All winners will receive One GRAMMY Awards Show ticket, Round-Trip Ticket to the GRAMMY Awards, Hotel Accommodations, Ticket to MusicCares Person of the Year dinner. For additional information and competition rules, please go to the ELI Page on Facebook.com Search for "The Entertainment Law Initiative" or go to <http://tinyurl.com/ELIFacebook>. **Deadline January 3, 2011.**

The ABA Section of Litigation will be accepting applications beginning December 1, 2010 for its **Summer 2011 Judicial Intern Opportunity Program** for second-year law students. The program places minority or economically disadvantaged students with state and federal judges for summer internships. Applications are due no later than **January 7, 2011**. For more information or to apply, please visit www.abanet.org/litigation/jiop.

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The American Indian Law Review (AILR) is pleased to announce its annual writing competition for 2010-2011. Papers will be accepted on any issue concerning American Indian Law. First place will be awarded \$1,000 and publication of paper in the AILR, an official periodical of the University of Oklahoma College of Law. Second place is \$500 and third place is \$250. Deadline to apply is **6:00 p.m. CST, January 31, 2010**.

Transnational Law & Contemporary Problems a Journal of the University of Iowa College of Law announces its 2010-2011 **Trandafir International Business Writing Competition**. A \$2,000 cash prize will be awarded. Winning essay will also be published in Transnational Law & Contemporary Problems, a Journal of the University of Iowa College of Law. Entry deadline is **February 1, 2011**. For more information and contest rules, please visit http://www.uiowa.edu/~tlcp/trandafir_competition.html

Nightlight Christian Adoptions announce their fourth annual 2011 Embryo Law Essay Competition. The challenge will be to write a scholarly position paper in response to a problem presented regarding embryo donation/adoption. \$5,000.00 in prize money. To register or for more information please visit www.embryolaw.org. Deadline to enter is **Monday, March 7, 2011**.

NEW – The Theodore Tannenwald, Jr. Foundation for Excellence in Tax Scholarship and The American College of Tax Counsel are pleased to announce the 2011 Tannenwald Writing Competition. The subject may be on any federal or state tax topic. First prize is \$5,000; second prize is \$2,500; and third prize is \$1,500. For competition rules, please go to www.tannenwald.org. Entry deadline is **July 1, 2011**.

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ALL SOULS DAY

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The Student Bar Association and the Office of Career Services present **The 6Ps of the Big 3 for Job-Seeking JDs**: 6+ Ways to Get Hired Using Social Networking teaches law students and lawyers how to incorporate the 6Ps; outlines over 60 ways to use the Big 3 sites to get hired; and provides over 200 examples of lawyers and law students using the Big 3 sites, including legal professionals who successfully used social networking to get hired.

Come hear author, **Amanda C. Ellis** speak about how to use these concepts in your job search! **Wednesday, November 3, 2010, 12:30 – 1:30 p.m., Alumni Room**, Sarita Kenedy East Law Library. Lunch will be provided. The first 50 attendees who RSVP will receive a free copy of the book. **Please RSVP** in the Events Section of Simplicity under Workshops. This event is sponsored by Themis Bar Review.

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The **State Bar of Texas, Environmental & Natural Resources Law Section** has set compensation at \$3,500 for each six week summer internship available through the ENRLS Program at each of the following five agencies: (i) the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, (ii) the Office of the Attorney General (Environmental Protection and Administrative Law Division), (iii) the Railroad Commission, (iv) Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, and (v) Texas General Land Office. Additional information regarding the internship program is located on the Section website at www.texenrls.org/internship.cfm. Deadline for receipt of application materials is **5:00 p.m., November 15, 2010**.

The **ABA, Section of Environment, Energy, and Resources** announces its law student writing competition. All students are eligible to submit an entry on issues addressing The Tension between Federal and State Law in Supporting and Regulating the Development of Renewable Energy or Distributed Energy Resources. Deadline to apply is **November 30, 2010**.

National Advocates for Pregnant Women (NAPW) presents their 2009-2010 NAPW Law Student Writing Competition. This year's contest is "Birthing Rights as a Matter of Gender Equality." The full description of the contest is available here: [Birthing Rights Prompt](#). The first prize entry will receive \$1000. The second prize is \$500 and third prize is \$250. Deadline to apply is **December 15, 2010**.

The **GRAMMY Foundation** along with the **ABA Forum on the Entertainment and Sports Industries** announces the 13th Annual Entertainment Law Initiative Writing Competition. The GRAMMY Foundation, in concert with some of the most prominent entertainment attorneys, established the Entertainment Law Initiative to promote discussion and debate about the most compelling legal issues facing the music industry today. First place winner receives \$5,000, four second place winners receive \$1,500. All winners will receive One GRAMMY Awards Show ticket, Round-Trip Ticket to the GRAMMY Awards, Hotel Accommodations, Ticket to MusicCares Person of the Year dinner. For additional information and competition rules, please go to the ELI Page on Facebook.com Search for "The Entertainment Law Initiative" or go to <http://tinyurl.com/ELIFacebook>. **Deadline January 3, 2011.**

The ABA Section of Litigation will be accepting applications beginning December 1, 2010 for its **Summer 2011 Judicial Intern Opportunity Program** for second-year law students. The program places minority or economically disadvantaged students with state and federal judges for summer internships. Applications are due no later than **January 7, 2011**. For more information or to apply, please visit www.abanet.org/litigation/jiop.

The American College of Legal Medicine (ACLM) presents its 2011 Bioethics Student Writing Competition. The ACLM will present awards for outstanding original papers written by law or health professions students on topics in Bioethics. First place prize is \$1,000, second is \$500 and third is \$250. Please visit <http://www.aclm.org/resources/swc/pdfs/swc%202011.pdf> for more information. Deadline is **January 10, 2011**.

NEW – Jackson Lewis LLP and Chicago-Kent College of Law's Institute for Law and the Workplace will co-sponsor the 2010-2011 Louis Jackson National Student Writing Competition in Employment and Labor Law. The competition is open to all students who have completed or are currently taking courses in employment or labor law. One top honors award of \$3,000 and two \$1,000 awards will be presented to the top three entries. In addition to the cash awards, the top three entries will be published on the *Institute for Law and the Workplace* website. For more information, please visit www.kentlaw.edu/academics/plel/LouisJacksonNWC.html or contact Professor Martin H. Malin at mmalin@kentlaw.edu. The deadline for submission is **January 18, 2011**.

Santa Clara University School of Law announces their 2011 Centennial Celebration Student Writing Competition on *Future Ethical Challenges*. For more information, please visit <http://law.scu.edu/100/writing-competition.cfm>. Entries must be received by **January 21, 2011**.

NEW – The **Scholarship Foundation of Santa Barbara** is pleased to announce that students may now apply for the 2011-2012 Graduate and medical Student Scholarships. For more information and to apply online, please visit www.sbscholarship.org. Deadline to apply is January 31, 2011.

The American Indian Law Review (AILR) is pleased to announce its annual writing competition for 2010-2011. Papers will be accepted on any issue concerning American Indian Law. First place will be awarded \$1,000 and publication of paper in the AILR, an official periodical of the University of Oklahoma College of Law. Second place is \$500 and third place is \$250. Deadline to apply is **6:00 p.m. CST, January 31, 2010**.

Transnational Law & Contemporary Problems a Journal of the University of Iowa College of Law announces its 2010-2011 **Trandafir International Business** Writing Competition. A \$2,000 cash prize will be awarded. Winning essay will also be published in Transnational Law & Contemporary Problems, a Journal of the University of Iowa College of Law. Entry deadline is **February 1, 2011**. For more information and contest rules, please visit http://www.uiowa.edu/~tlcp/trandafir_competition.html.

NEW – The **National Association of Chapter 13 Trustees** has established an annual student writing competition to encourage and reward original law student writing on issues concerning consumer bankruptcy and the law. Entrants should submit an essay, article, or comment on an issue concerning Chapter 13 of the Bankruptcy Code. The author of the first-place essay will receive a prize of \$1000 and the essay will be published in the NACTT Quarterly. Entries must be received by **April 30, 2011**.

Nightlight Christian Adoptions announce their fourth annual 2011 Embryo Law Essay Competition. The challenge will be to write a scholarly position paper in response to a problem presented regarding embryo donation/adoption. \$5,000.00 in prize money. To register or for more information please visit www.embryolaw.org. Deadline to enter is **Monday, March 7, 2011**.

NEW – The College of Labor and Employment Lawyers and American Bar Association Section of Labor and Employment Law announces their annual law student writing competition. Entries may address any aspect of public or private sector labor and/or employment law relevant to the American labor and employment bar. First place: \$1500, second place, \$1000 and third place is \$500. Competition rules are at www.laborandemploymentcollege.org. Articles must be submitted by 5:00 p.m. CDT, **May 15, 2011**.

The Theodore Tannenwald, Jr. Foundation for Excellence in Tax Scholarship and The American College of Tax Counsel are pleased to announce the 2011 Tannenwald Writing Competition. The subject may be on any federal or state tax topic. First prize is \$5,000; second prize is \$2,500; and third prize is \$1,500. For competition rules, please go to www.tannenwald.org. Entry deadline is **July 1, 2011**.

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By VMM

Submit articles to be published to Ms. Bebe Gonzales (bgonzales@stmarytx.edu) in electronic format by noon Thursday

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Catholic Charities, Archdiocese of San Antonio seeks a **volunteer student coordinator** for the Ask-A-Lawyer clinic during the 2011 academic year. Students interested in applying for this position may contact Kimbel Ward at kimbelward@gmail.com.

SPORTS & ENTERTAINMENT LAW SOCIETY

The **Sports & Entertainment Law Society (SELS)** will host guest speaker, **Tai Dillard** on **Monday, November 8, 2010 from 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. in LL217 of the Sarita Kenedy East Law Library**. Tai is a former Texas Longhorn and San Antonio Silver Star standout who is now working as an assistant coach at the University of Texas at San Antonio. This is a great opportunity to hear from a former professional women's basketball player and learn about her experiences in the league. Dinner will be served. SELS member or not, we invite everyone to join us. Don't forget, SELS is providing a pair of Spurs tickets for the SELS member with the best attendance record. Hope to see you there!

THIS GAY AMERICAN LIFE: THE CURRENT STATE OF LGBT EQUALITY

OUTLaw is hosting the 2nd Annual Diversity Symposium titled **This Gay American Life: The Current State of LGBT Equality**. It will be a panel discussion featuring Rey Valencia, Associate Dean of St. Mary's School of Law; Eduardo Juarez, Senior Trial Attorney for the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission; Bill Goodman, attorney specializing in same-sex estate planning; Rosie Gonzalez, attorney specializing in family law; Denise Mejia, attorney specializing in immigration law; and Andrew Olivo. The panel will discuss pressing topics such as: the current state of gay and lesbian rights, ways good attorneys can achieve parallel rights for LGBT clients, the recent wave of gay teen bullying and suicide, the path to equality - legislatively and/or judicially, and a critique of the Obama Administration's handling of LGBT issues. The event will be held on **Monday, November 8, 2010, at 6:00 p.m.** in the **Alumni Room** of the Sarita Kenedy East Law Library. Food and drinks will be served. This event is open to the public.

THE FEDERALIST SOCIETY

"ARIZONA'S IMMIGRATION LAW: CONSTITUTIONAL? GOOD POLICY?"

By: **Ilya Shapiro, Senior Fellow, Cato Institute**

The **Federalist Society** is proud to announce a speech by Ilya Shapiro, Senior Fellow in Constitutional studies at the Cato Institute and Editor-in-Chief, *Cato Supreme Court Review*. His speech is entitled, "Arizona's Immigration Law: Constitutional? Good Policy?" The speech will be on **Tuesday, November 9, 2010 in the Alumni Room from 12:00 -- 2:00 p.m. Lunch will be served**. Come hear about the Arizona Immigration Law: what it actually says, whether it is constitutional and whether or not it is a good idea. **Ilya Shapiro** is a **senior fellow in constitutional studies at the Cato Institute** and **editor-in-chief of the *Cato Supreme Court Review***. Before joining Cato, he was a special assistant/advisor to the Multi-National Force in Iraq on rule of law issues and practiced international, political, commercial, and antitrust

litigation at Patton Boggs and Cleary Gottlieb. Shapiro has contributed to a variety of academic, popular, and professional publications, including the *Harvard Journal of Law & Public Policy*, *L.A. Times*, *Washington Times*, *Legal Times*, *Weekly Standard*, *Roll Call*, and *National Review Online*, and from 2004 to 2007 wrote the "Dispatches from Purple America" column for *TCS Daily.com*. He also regularly provides commentary on a host of legal and political issues for various TV and radio outlets, including **CNN, Fox News, ABC, CBS, NBC, Univision, "The Colbert Report," and American Public Media's "Marketplace."** He lectures regularly on behalf of the Federalist Society and other educational and professional groups, is a member of the board of visitors of the Legal Studies Institute at The Fund for American Studies, was an inaugural Washington Fellow at the National Review Institute, and has been an adjunct professor at the **George Washington University Law School**. Before entering private practice, Shapiro **clerked for Judge E. Grady Jolly of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit**, while living in Mississippi and traveling around the Deep South. He holds an A.B. from **Princeton University**, an M.Sc. from the **London School of Economics**, and a J.D. from the **University of Chicago Law School** (where he became a Tony Patiño Fellow). Shapiro is a member of the bars of New York, the District of Columbia, and the U.S. Supreme Court. **He is a native speaker of English and Russian, is fluent in Spanish and French, and is proficient in Italian and Portuguese.**

The purpose of The St. Mary's Federalist Society Chapter is to foster critical thought and debate about the application of conservative principles to the law. The Chapter embraces the principle that the state exists to preserve freedom, that the separation of governmental powers is central to the integrity of the Constitution of the United States of America, and that it is emphatically the province and duty of the judiciary to say what the law is – not what it should be. The Chapter seeks both to promote an awareness of these principles and to further their application through its activities. This entails reordering priorities within the legal system so as to place a premium on individual liberty, traditional values, and the rule of law. It also entails restoring recognition of these norms among lawyers, judges, law students, and professors.

OUTLINING SESSION FOR ALL STUDENTS

The **Asian and Pacific-American Law Student Association (APALSA)** is hosting an **outlining session** with Professor Teeter on **Tuesday, November 9, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. in Raba, LF108**. Professor Teeter will be going over techniques on how to build successful outlines for all of your courses. Lunch will be provided. This event is open to everyone. We look forward to seeing you there. Happy Studying!

WEBCASTING OF TEXAS SUPREME COURT ORAL ARGUMENTS

November 9-10, 2010

St. Mary's Law School hosts the live webcasting of the Texas Supreme Court's oral arguments. Under an agreement with the Texas Office of Court Administration, the University supplies the technological support and personnel for the project. This is a wonderful opportunity for the public at large and our law school community to see and hear the arguments live — over the internet. St. Mary's is one of only a handful of law schools in the nation that provide this

unique access to live webcasting of oral arguments.

You can access the arguments from a link on the home page of the law school's website and from the Advocacy Programs pages on the law school's website. From those same links you can access archived oral arguments that have been broadcast since Spring 2007. When you access the page for the webcasting (hosted by Mediasite) you can also access links to the briefs filed in the case and the lower courts' opinions (pdf). The arguments are also now available in iTunes.

The next set of oral arguments will be held on November 9 and 10, 2010. The arguments on November 9th will be held at the Supreme Court in Austin. The arguments on November 10th will be held in Amarillo at the Globe-News Center. Each side has 20 minutes for oral argument. Please take advantage of this unique educational opportunity.

If you have any questions about the webcasting of the arguments, please contact Professor Schlueter.

The following summaries for the arguments for November were prepared by the Court's staff attorney for public information and reflect his judgment alone on facts and legal issues and in no way represent the Court's opinion about case merits.

Tuesday, November 9, 2010

09-0226

American Home Assurance Co. and Illinois National Insurance Co. v. Maryland Casualty Co. From Harris County and the First District Court of Appeals, Houston
[09-0226 AMERICAN HOME ASSURANCE CO. v. MARYLAND CASUALTY CO.](#)

In this subrogation action the issue is whether an insurer proved prejudice as a legal matter by an additional insured's failure to provide notice it had been sued and by settling without the third-party insurer's consent. Survivors of three men killed in a trench collapse sued the company that leased a trenching machine to Laser, the construction company that hired the workers. After settling the suit, NES Trench Shoring, the leasing company, then sued Laser's insurer, Maryland Casualty, for defense costs and the settlement payment. Under Laser's policy with Maryland Casualty, a company leasing a machine to Laser was an additional insured. The policy stipulated that insured's had a duty to notify Maryland Casualty of an occurrence that could result in a claim or suit. The policy also required Maryland Casualty's consent before settlement and stipulated that prejudice must be shown if the notice requirement were breached. Maryland Casualty argues that NES was not covered because it did not give notice of the suit and did not get Maryland Casualty's settlement approval. The trial court awarded summary judgment to NES and its insurers, American Home and Illinois National. But the appeals court reversed, holding that Maryland Casualty was prejudiced as a matter of law by the notice failure and by the settlement without consent.

09-0497

Tyler Scoresby, M.D. v. Catarino Santillan

From Tarrant County and the Second District Court of Appeals, Fort Worth

[09-0497 TYLER SCORESBY, M.D. v. SANTILLAN](#)

A principal issue in this appeal from a trial court's failure to dismiss a health-care liability suit is whether an expert report can be so deficient in addressing the elements of a claim that it constitutes no report at all, requiring dismissal instead of an extension to cure the defects. Santillan sued over alleged mistakes during surgery on a minor son's nasal tumors that led to bleeding and his partial paralysis. Dr. Scoresby, an ear-nose-throat surgeon, moved to dismiss the claim because Santillan's expert report, by a neurologist, did not establish a care standard, show how the standard was breached or how the breach caused the son's injuries and did not include the expert's credentials. Instead of dismissing the suit, the trial granted a motion to cure a deficient report. Scoresby appealed that ruling, arguing to the court of appeals, as he does in this Court, that the expert report amounted to no report at all, requiring dismissal. The appeals court dismissed the doctor's interlocutory appeal, holding that an extension to cure a deficient report.

10-0581

O. Lee Tawes III v. Doris Barnes

Certified questions from the U.S. Court of Appeals, Fifth Circuit

[10-0581 TAWES v. BARNES](#)

In this suit over royalty payments, the ultimate issue is whether Tawes, one of several interest-holders in oil and gas production under Barnes' land, owes Barnes any or all unpaid royalties she claims. Tawes was an investor in two wells on property adjacent to Barnes' that tapped oil and gas under Barnes' land under a pooling arrangement. Barnes' lessee opted out of developing the wells, but a provision in the joint-operating agreement specified that interest-holders consenting to drilling the wells would be "responsible for ... all royalty." The first certified question asks whether Barnes can recover unpaid royalties under the joint-operating agreement – defining the operator and allocating expenses and revenues – or another, the working interest-unit agreement – defining allocations in a pooled operation. Her theory is that she is a third-party beneficiary of those agreements or has privity of estate because the company in which Tawes invested took over as operator from her lessee. The second certified question asks whether the working interest-unit agreement prevents Barnes from recovering from Tawes because, under that agreement, the company in which Tawes invested was liable for Tawes' obligations. The third certified question asks whether Tawes is responsible for all royalties owed Barnes or just royalties to the extent of his interest in the two wells.

Wednesday, November 10, 2010

09-0828

Genesis Tax Loan Services Inc., et al. v. Kody and Janet Kothmann

From Lubbock County and the Seventh District Court of Appeals, Amarillo

[09-0828 GENESIS TAX LOAN SERVICES, INC. v. KOTHMANN](#)

The issues in this case between competing liens is (1) whether the appeals court erred by holding that Genesis, which claims a tax-lien transfer on four properties, was required to plead its lien superiority as an affirmative defense and (2) whether the appeals court misconstrued Texas Tax Code section 32.06 by holding that Genesis failed to effect transfer of the tax liens. The Kothmanns sold four properties on an installment plan and filed deeds of trust against the properties. Two years later the same buyer borrowed money from Genesis Tax Loan Services to pay taxes on the properties and Genesis secured the loan with tax-lien transfers. When the borrower defaulted, Genesis tried to foreclose. The Kothmanns then sued Genesis, arguing that their liens were superior because they were filed first and Genesis did not plead its tax-lien transfers in defense. The trial court declared Genesis' liens were superior, but the court of appeals reversed, holding that Genesis had to plead its liens were superior as a defense and that the liens did not comply with statutory requirements.

10-0048

In re Billy James Smith

Original proceeding for compensation under the Texas Wrongful Imprisonment Act

[10-0048 IN RE BILLY JAMES SMITH](#)

The issue is whether the state should compensate a prisoner for the prison time he served after his parole was revoked based on a wrongful conviction, in addition to the time he served for the wrongful conviction. In this case the comptroller, which decides requests under the Wrongful Imprisonment Act, refused to pay Smith for time he spent in prison time finishing a sentence after his parole was revoked. The comptroller argues in part that the act provides plainly that a person "is not entitled to compensation ... for any part of a sentence in prison during which the person was also serving a concurrent sentence" for a valid conviction. Smith argues that "in prison" modifies sentence and would not include parole and the Legislature passed the law to provide a remedy for wrongful convictions, not to penalize someone who would have been on parole and not in prison but for the wrongful conviction. The law should be interpreted broadly, Smith contends, to assure its remedial purpose.

STUDENT BAR ASSOCIATION

MAILBOXES – Students, please check your mailboxes for a **sweet treat from the Student Bar Association**. As an incentive to check your mail, we are randomly **placing gift cards and goodies** in your mailboxes in the Law Classroom building. Look this week to see if you have won!

OFFICE OF ACADEMIC SUPPORT – WORKSHOPS FOR 1 Ls

The Office of Academic Support presents the following lectures:

- 1) **"The Inside Track To Finals"** with Professors Johnson, Reamey, and Burney - It will be held Wednesday, **November 10, 2010** from 4:00 – 5:50 p.m. in LC 101. All 1L students are encouraged to attend this presentation. These professors will provide tips and advice on preparing for, and succeeding on essay and multiple choice law school exams.

- 2) “**Multiple Choice Exams – Torts Review**” with Chris Fromm from Kaplan/PMBR – It will be held Tuesday, **November 16, 2010** from 4:00– 5:50 p.m. in LC 103.

Join our **Facebook** page, **St. Mary’s Academic Support**; follow us on **twitter** at www.twitter.com/stmaryOAS. Come see us in Raba, Suite 106 or contact us at 210-431-4340.

UPCOMING PROGRAM – OFFICE OF CAREER SERVICES

Career Services will host the below listed program. To attend, **please register in the Events section of Symplicity under Workshops**. PLEASE NOTE: Registration is important so that we may order enough food for everyone. If you are a 1L and wish to attend a program you may email Alicia Mendoza at amendozal@stmarytx.edu. First year students will not have access to Symplicity until November 1st.

Association of Corporate Counsel (ACC) Information Session and Lunch

Wednesday, November 10, 2010, 12:00 to 1:00 p.m., Alumni Room, Sarita Kenedy East Law Library. Come learn more about what it means to be an in house counsel at a corporation and network with some local in house corporate attorneys.

VETERAN’S DAY CEREMONIES

The St. Mary’s ROTC Rattler Battalion proudly invites you to our **Veteran’s Day Ceremony on November 11, 2010, 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., at the Barrett Memorial Bell Tower**. Major General (Ret) Alfred A. Valenzuela will be the guest speaker. Reception immediately following ceremony.

Please join the law school community to commemorate the men and women who gave their lives, and come to celebrate the present military personnel who have and continue to give their time for our country. The ceremony will be held on **Thursday, November 11, 2010, Law Plaza, 5:00 p.m.** Prayer will begin at 5:15 p.m. followed by a light dinner. We encourage all Veterans and active duty personnel to wear their uniforms. This event is sponsored by Law Ministry and the Military Law Association.

2 UPCOMING EVENTS FROM THE ST. THOMAS MORE SOCIETY

Come join the **St. Thomas More Society** and Kathy Tullos from the Office of Academic Support for lunch discussion on St. Thomas More and tips on final exam taking. We will be meeting at **12:20 p.m. in LC104 on Thursday, November 11, 2010**. Hope to see you there!

Judge Victor Negrón will be joining us on **Thursday, November 18, 2010 at 12:20 p.m. in the Raba Building Lobby** for Thanksgiving Dinner and to discuss his private practice, appointment to the bench, faith and work with the Catholic Lawyers Guild.

These events are co-sponsored by the St. Thomas More Society, Office of Academic Support, Career Services and Law Ministry.

1L FINGERPRINTING

L1 Identity Solutions will conduct the **fingerprinting for all first-year law students** for the Declaration of Intent for the Board of Law Examiners (BLE). Fingerprinting will take place **Wednesday and Thursday, November 10-11, 2010 from 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.** on both days in **LF202**. Due to high demand, **L1 Identify Solutions** has added an additional date for 1L fingerprinting on **Tuesday, November 16, 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m., LF202**. Students must register online in advance of these dates. L1 Identity Solutions will NOT accept walk-ins. The FAST Form is printed with the Declaration of Intent when that form is completed and printed for mailing to the BLE. Students can pay by credit card only when scheduling their appointment or by check or money order on the date of the appointment. Cash is not accepted. Please check your St. Mary's Student Email account for more details on the 1L Fingerprinting process.

LAWYERS FOR TEXAS VETERANS

Lawyers for Texas Veterans is a State Bar of Texas program to develop and assist pro bono legal clinics throughout the state for military veterans who otherwise cannot afford or do not have access to the legal services they need. On **November 13, 2010**, the Community Justice Program is coordinating the second Veterans Clinic in San Antonio. **It will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Audie Murphy Veterans Hospital** (7400 Merton Minter St). They are looking for law students to serve as witnesses for wills and other tasks. Volunteers should email Amanda Reimherr Buckert at amaudab@sabar.org and state whether you will be working from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. or 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. A pizza lunch will be provided and volunteers should bring their Pro Bono forms to the Clinic to be signed. Questions? Email Ann Marie Matonak at amatonak@mail.stmarytx.edu.

MILITARY LAW ASSOCIATION AND OFFICE OF CAREER SERVICES

The **Military Law Association** and the **Office of Career Services** are co-sponsoring an information session with **Major Jeremiah Salame**, former Battalion Executive Officer, 1st Battalion, 7th Marines. He will speak about what the Marine Corps leadership expects of its Judge Advocates and the experience of a Judge Advocate in Iraq. Join us on **Wednesday, November 17, 2010, 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. in the Alumni Room** of the Sarita Kenedy East Law Library. Lunch will be served. **Please RSVP** in the Events Section of Symplicity under Workshops.

INNSBRUCK PROGRAM INFORMATION MEETING

The Innsbruck summer program is the flagship international experience for St. Mary's students. For 25 years this program has been one of the most successful study abroad offerings by any American law school. Students from more than 130 U.S. and foreign law schools have traveled and studied in this program, with a faculty chosen for outstanding teaching ability and

proven expertise in international and comparative law. Come to an information session on **Wednesday, November 17, 2010 at 3:45 p.m. in LC103** to learn more about this exciting opportunity. A second session will be held on the same day, in the same room, at **5:15 p.m.** As prior students have said,

“Do whatever it takes, but go.”

For more information, contact Professor Geary Reamey or Professor Michael Ariens, or Ms. Caroline Buckley, ext. 6878.

THANKSGIVING FOR THE HOMELESS

Please join various chefs, community leaders, professionals, students, and members of our **homeless community for a Thanksgiving Dinner** unlike any other. For over 35 years, Testimonies of God’s Greatness Ministry led by Sis. Angnet Norman has provided an annual home-style cuisine dinner for San Antonio’s homeless community on Thanksgiving Day.

Members of the homeless community are bused from shelters around town to the city’s East side to be honored guests at this event. Each homeless person will have an opportunity to receive clothing, jackets, hats, socks, toiletries, blankets, scarves, and a \$5.00 bill in which many are able to use to prepare for a job interview or contact family over the holidays.

Lunch will be served on Thanksgiving morning at **1815 S.W.W. White Road, San Antonio, Texas 78220** beginning at **10:30 a.m. and will continue through 2:00 p.m.** To make a donation or to inquire about how to volunteer, please contact Shekinah Hammonds at juyley@yahoo.com. Please click on the link below to read and/or watch a video on a previous dinner.

http://www.woai.com/news/local/story.aspx?content_id=a1f32964-fe79-44d5-9d10-14649b803b0d

DECEMBER COMPLETION OF LEGAL STUDIES

Charles E. Cantú, J.D., M.C.L., LL.M, Dean, St. Mary’s University School of Law, cordially invites all law students, faculty and staff to join him at the Ceremony of Thanksgiving for December Completion of Legal Studies on Friday, December 10, 2010, 4:00 p.m. in the Foyer of the Ernest Raba Law Faculty Building. Family, friends, and fellow classmates are invited to attend. Dress appropriately for class picture and meeting other alumni guests. Co-sponsored by the Law Alumni Association. Formal commencement ceremony will be held May 14, 2011. For more information, please contact Sister Grace Walle, (210) 436-3063 or email gwall@stmarytx.edu.

OFFICE OF CAREER SERVICES IS GOING GREEN

Beginning with the Fall Semester 2011, you will be expected to **bring your own** cup/mug for coffee. There will be a designated area in the Career Services Office where you **may leave your clean cup/mug overnight** so you do not have to remember to bring one every

day. In order to leave you're your cup/mug, it must be clean with your name on it. Get a jump start on this new plan and bring your own cup/mug today. The Office of Career Services will not be responsible for washing your cup/mug or lost items.

CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

The Scholar: St. Mary's Law Review on Minority Issues is currently accepting Note submissions for Volume 13, 2010–2011.

The Scholar: St. Mary's Law Review on Minority Issues is committed to advocating for traditionally underrepresented groups. Our law review furthers legal discourse on various issues including race, ethnicity, sex, class, sexual orientation, religion, and age. All student Note submissions must include footnotes or endnotes and conform to *The Bluebook* (19th ed. 2010) and *The Greenbook* (12th ed. 2010). Please email submissions to lawscholar@stmarytx.edu.

TEXAS BOARD OF LAW EXAMINERS – FILING DEADLINES

<u>Examination Dates</u>	<u>File No Earlier Than</u>	<u>Timely Postmark Deadline</u>	<u>Absolute Postmark Deadline</u>
February	June 30	August 30	October 30
July	November 30	January 30	March 30

VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The **Volunteer Income Tax Assistance** (VITA) Program **needs your help!** The VITA Program offers free tax help for low-to-moderate-income people who cannot prepare their own tax returns. **Certified volunteers**, trained by professors and students at the Bill Greehey School of Business, will prepare tax returns on **Saturdays during the tax season** at the Center for Legal and Social Justice.

Qualified law and business students will also prepare small business tax returns and interview individuals for legal assistance through the Civil Justice Clinic. Various opportunities exist for law students interested in tax and business law, including some paid positions.

Working with VITA is a great way to help the community while receiving hands on experience in this field.

If you are interested, please contact Rachael Bernstein at rbernstein@stmarytx.edu. Training will begin in early January.

PRO BONO/COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM

All current law students are still encouraged to sign up and visit the **Pro Bono TWEN site** for more information on Pro Bono and Community Service volunteer opportunities that

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LAW SCHOOL HAPPY HOUR

The Student Bar Association (SBA) presents "**Law School Happy Hour**" on Wednesday, November 17, 200 from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. in the Law School Plaza. **ALL students, faculty, administration, and alumni are invited** to come out and enjoy complimentary food, goodies, hot chocolate, coffee, lemonade, beer, and even a drink of your choice from Aramark's cash bar. Worried about finals? **Academic Support** will be available to answer any questions you may have. Worried about the bar? **Bar vendors** will be available to guide you with any questions you have about the bar. Worried about finding a job? **Career Services** will be available to meet with you! **Faculty** will also be available – take time to visit with your professors! The purpose of this event is to bring together the law school community before finals begin – so take advantage of this opportunity. SBA hopes to see all of you there!

EXAMSOFT EXAM PREPARATION

As we approach the **final exam period** we want to ensure all students are as prepared as possible. In an effort help mitigate unnecessary complications when your exams begin, **please follow the below steps prior to your testing day.**

1. Log into www.examsoft.com/stmaryslaw to download, install, and register the latest ExamSoft (SoftTest) program. Your ExamSoft password has already been sent to your St. Mary's email account.
2. **Download your exams** including the Mock Exam from ExamSoft.
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OFFICE OF ACADEMIC SUPPORT – WORKSHOP FOR 1 Ls

The Office of Academic Support presents the following lecture:

- 1) **“Multiple Choice Exams – Torts Review”** with Chris Fromm from Kaplan/PMBR – It will be held Tuesday, **November 16, 2010** from 4:00– 5:50 p.m. in LC 103.

Join our **Facebook** page, **St. Mary’s Academic Support**; follow us on **twitter** at www.twitter.com/stmaryOAS. Come see us in Raba, Suite 106 or contact us at 210-431-4340.

ST. THOMAS MORE SOCIETY

Join St. Thomas More Society in welcoming **Judge Victor Negron** on **Thursday, November 18, 2010 at 12:20 p.m. in the Raba Building Lobby** for a Thanksgiving Dinner and to discuss his private practice, appointment to the bench, faith and work with the Catholic Lawyers Guild.

This event is co-sponsored by the St. Thomas More Society, Office of Academic Support, Career Services and Law Ministry.

LAST DAY FOR 1L FINGERPRINTING

L1 Identity Solutions will conduct the **fingerprinting for all first-year law students** for the Declaration of Intent for the Board of Law Examiners (BLE) on **Tuesday, November 16, 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m., LF202**. Students must register online in advance of these dates. L1 Identity Solutions will NOT accept walk-ins. The FAST Form is printed with the Declaration of Intent when that form is completed and printed for mailing to the BLE. Students can pay by credit card only when scheduling their appointment or by check or money order on the date of the appointment. Cash is not accepted. Please check your St. Mary’s Student Email account for more details on the 1L Fingerprinting process.

MILITARY LAW ASSOCIATION AND OFFICE OF CAREER SERVICES

The **Military Law Association** and the **Office of Career Services** are co-sponsoring an information session with **Major Jeremiah Salame**, former Battalion Executive Officer, 1st Battalion, 7th Marines. He will speak about what the Marine Corps leadership expects of its

Judge Advocates and the experience of a Judge Advocate in Iraq. Join us on **Wednesday, November 17, 2010, 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. in the Alumni Room** of the Sarita Kenedy East Law Library. Lunch will be served. **Please RSVP** in the Events Section of Symplicity under Workshops.

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The Innsbruck summer program is the flagship international experience for St. Mary's students. For 25 years this program has been one of the most successful study abroad offerings by any American law school. Students from more than 130 U.S. and foreign law schools have traveled and studied in this program, with a faculty chosen for outstanding teaching ability and proven expertise in international and comparative law. Come to an information session on **Wednesday, November 17, 2010 at 3:45 p.m. in LC103** to learn more about this exciting opportunity. A second session will be held on the same day, in the same room, at **5:15 p.m.** As prior students have said,

“Do whatever it takes, but go.”

For more information, contact Professor Geary Reamey or Professor Michael Ariens, or Ms. Caroline Buckley, ext. 6878.

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Please join various chefs, community leaders, professionals, students, and members of our **homeless community for a Thanksgiving Dinner** unlike any other. For over 35 years, Testimonies of God's Greatness Ministry led by Sis. Angnet Norman has provided an annual home-style cuisine dinner for San Antonio's homeless community on Thanksgiving Day.

Members of the homeless community are bused from shelters around town to the city's East side to be honored guests at this event. Each homeless person will have an opportunity to receive clothing, jackets, hats, socks, toiletries, blankets, scarves, and a \$5.00 bill in which many are able to use to prepare for a job interview or contact family over the holidays.

Lunch will be served on Thanksgiving morning at **1815 S.W.W. White Road, San Antonio, Texas 78220** beginning at **10:30 a.m. and will continue through 2:00 p.m.** To make a donation or to inquire about how to volunteer, please contact Shekinah Hammonds at juyley@yahoo.com. Please click on the link below to read and/or watch a video on a previous dinner.

http://www.woai.com/news/local/story.aspx?content_id=a1f32964-fe79-44d5-9d10-14649b803b0d

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Charles E. Cantú, J.D., M.C.L., LL.M, Dean, St. Mary's University School of Law, cordially invites all law students, faculty and staff to join him at the Ceremony of Thanksgiving for December Completion of Legal Studies on Friday, December 10, 2010, 4:00 p.m. in the

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DECEMBER COMPLETION OF LEGAL STUDIES

Charles E. Cantú, J.D., M.C.L., LL.M, Dean, St. Mary's University School of Law, cordially invites all law students, faculty and staff to join him at the Ceremony of Thanksgiving for December Completion of Legal Studies on **Friday, December 10, 2010, 4:00 p.m. in the foyer of the Ernest Raba Law Faculty Building**. Family, friends, and fellow classmates are invited to attend. Dress appropriately for class picture and meeting other alumni guests. The formal commencement ceremony will be held May 14, 2011. For more information, please contact Sister Grace Walle, (210) 436-3063 or email gwall@stmarytx.edu. This event is co-sponsored by the Law Alumni Association.

HELP WANTED

Catholic Charities, Archdiocese of San Antonio seeks a **volunteer student coordinator** for the Ask-A-Lawyer clinic during the 2011 academic year. Students interested in applying for this position may contact Kimbel Ward at kimbelward@gmail.com.

EXAMSOFT EXAM PREPARATION

As we approach the **final exam period** we want to ensure all students are as prepared as possible. In an effort help mitigate unnecessary complications when your exams begin, **please follow the below steps prior to your testing day**.

1. Log into www.examsoft.com/stmaryslaw to download, install, and register the latest ExamSoft (SoftTest) program. Your ExamSoft password has already been sent to your St. Mary's email account.
2. **Download your exams** including the Mock Exam from ExamSoft.
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THANKSGIVING FOR THE HOMELESS

Please join various chefs, community leaders, professionals, students, and members of our **homeless community for a Thanksgiving Dinner** unlike any other. For over 35 years, Testimonies of God's Greatness Ministry led by Sis. Angnet Norman has provided an annual home-style cuisine dinner for San Antonio's homeless community on Thanksgiving Day.

Members of the homeless community are bused from shelters around town to the city's East side to be honored guests at this event. Each homeless person will have an opportunity to receive clothing, jackets, hats, socks, toiletries, blankets, scarves, and a \$5.00 bill in which many

are able to use to prepare for a job interview or contact family over the holidays.

Lunch will be served on Thanksgiving morning at **1815 S.W.W. White Road, San Antonio, Texas 78220** beginning at **10:30 a.m. and will continue through 2:00 p.m.** To make a donation or to inquire about how to volunteer, please contact Shekinah Hammonds at juyley@yahoo.com. Please click on the link below to read and/or watch a video on a previous dinner.

http://www.woai.com/news/local/story.aspx?content_id=af32964-fe79-44d5-9d10-14649b803b0d

LAW SCHOOL – MIRACLE ON 36TH STREET TOY DRIVE

Sponsored with St. Mary's University Police Department

The Law School community **is invited to participate in a toy drive** benefiting families in the St. Mary's University area neighborhood. Stop in **the Raba building** and pick an ornament off the Christmas tree. The ornament contains information of a child. Purchase a gift and bring the unwrapped gift appropriate for the child on your ornament and place it under the tree with the corresponding ornament attached. All gifts must be placed under the tree no later than **Friday, December 10**. Students can receive up to one hour credit towards community service for participating.

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Training materials will be provided. **Volunteers need to attend one 9 hour training session. Training sessions are scheduled for Friday, January 7th, Saturday, January 8th, Friday, January 14th, Saturday, January 15th, or Monday, January 17th, from 8:30 am till 5:30 pm.** Most training sessions are in the AT&T Center **ON CAMPUS** just inside the Culebra entrance. Volunteers may also check with Catholic Charities in San Antonio for other training options.

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How much time you put in is up to you. You can help one Saturday, part of a Saturday, or several Saturdays.

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<http://www.stmarytx.edu/business/index.php?site=vitaForm>

Please consider helping with VITA. It is entirely consistent with the mission of St. Mary's University and provides an opportunity for students, staff, faculty, alumni, and community partners to work together on a worthwhile endeavor.

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Second-year Students – The **San Antonio Bar Auxiliary Foundation** awards a \$5000 scholarship to a second-year student, with a minimum GPA of 3.0 and financial need. The law school selects the recipient. If you are interested, please submit a letter to Associate Dean Victoria Mather describing your academic record and need for financial assistance. The recipient (and his or her guest) will also be asked to attend the January Scholarship Dinner Dance of the Foundation on January 28, 2011. Deadline to apply is 5:00 p.m. on **November 22, 2010**.

The **ABA, Section of Environment, Energy, and Resources** announces its law student writing competition. All students are eligible to submit an entry on issues addressing The Tension between Federal and State Law in Supporting and Regulating the Development of Renewable Energy or Distributed Energy Resources. Deadline to apply is **November 30, 2010**.

National Advocates for Pregnant Women (NAPW) presents their 2009-2010 NAPW Law Student Writing Competition. This year's contest is "Birthing Rights as a Matter of Gender Equality." The full description of the contest is available here: [Birthing Rights Prompt](#). The first prize entry will receive \$1000. The second prize is \$500 and third prize is \$250. Deadline to apply is **December 15, 2010**.

National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers (NACDL) announces its law student essay contest on the topic "Declining Minority Enrollment in Law School and the Challenge of Bar and Bench Diversity." For details, please see http://www.nacdl.org/events/2010/essay/diversity_2010.pdf?OpenDocument. Deadline to enter is **December 31, 2010**.

The **GRAMMY Foundation** along with the **ABA Forum on the Entertainment and Sports Industries** announces the 13th Annual Entertainment Law Initiative Writing Competition. The GRAMMY Foundation, in concert with some of the most prominent entertainment attorneys, established the Entertainment Law Initiative to promote discussion and debate about

the most compelling legal issues facing the music industry today. First place winner receives \$5,000, four second place winners receive \$1,500. All winners will receive One GRAMMY Awards Show ticket, Round-Trip Ticket to the GRAMMY Awards, Hotel Accommodations, Ticket to MusicCares Person of the Year dinner. For additional information and competition rules, please go to the ELI Page on Facebook.com Search for “The Entertainment Law Initiative” or go to <http://tinyurl.com/ELIFacebook>. Deadline to apply is **January 3, 2011**.

The ABA Section of Litigation will be accepting applications beginning December 1, 2010 for its **Summer 2011 Judicial Intern Opportunity Program** for second-year law students. The program places minority or economically disadvantaged students with state and federal judges for summer internships. Applications are due no later than **January 7, 2011**. For more information or to apply, please visit www.abanet.org/litigation/jiop.

The American College of Legal Medicine (ACLM) presents its 2011 Bioethics Student Writing Competition. The ACLM will present awards for outstanding original papers written by law or health professions students on topics in Bioethics. First place prize is \$1,000, second is \$500 and third is \$250. Please visit <http://www.aclm.org/resources/swc/pdfs/swc%202011.pdf> for more information. Deadline is **January 10, 2011**.

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Santa Clara University School of Law announces their 2011 Centennial Celebration

Student Writing Competition on *Future Ethical Challenges*. For more information, please visit <http://law.scu.edu/100/writing-competition.cfm>. Entries must be received by **January 21, 2011**.

The **Scholarship Foundation of Santa Barbara** is pleased to announce that students may now apply for the 2011-2012 Graduate and medical Student Scholarships. For more information and to apply online, please visit www.sbscholarship.org. Deadline to apply is **January 31, 2011**.

The **Public Justice, America's Public Interest Law Firm** announces the 2011 Roscoe/Smoger Access to Justice essay contest. A \$5,000 cash award will be given to the author of the winning essay. The 2011 topic is *The Gulf Oil Spill: Who Are The Victims and How Do They Get Compensated?* Intent-to-enter submission deadline is **January 31, 2011**. Essay contest deadline is March 31, 2011. For more information please visit www.publicjustice.net.

The **American Indian Law Review (AILR)** is pleased to announce its annual writing competition for 2010-2011. Papers will be accepted on any issue concerning American Indian Law. First place will be awarded \$1,000 and publication of paper in the AILR, an official periodical of the University of Oklahoma College of Law. Second place is \$500 and third place is \$250. Deadline to apply is **6:00 p.m. CST, January 31, 2010**.

Transnational Law & Contemporary Problems a Journal of the University of Iowa College of Law announces its 2010-2011 **Trandafir International Business Writing Competition**. A \$2,000 cash prize will be awarded. Winning essay will also be published in Transnational Law & Contemporary Problems, a Journal of the University of Iowa College of Law. Entry deadline is **February 1, 2011**. For more information and contest rules, please visit http://www.uiowa.edu/~tlcp/trandafir_competition.html.

The **National Association of Chapter 13 Trustees** has established an annual student writing competition to encourage and reward original law student writing on issues concerning consumer bankruptcy and the law. Entrants should submit an essay, article, or comment on an issue concerning Chapter 13 of the Bankruptcy Code. The author of the first-place essay will receive a prize of \$1000 and the essay will be published in the NACCTT Quarterly. Entries must be received by **April 30, 2011**.

Nightlight Christian Adoptions announce their fourth annual 2011 Embryo Law Essay Competition. The challenge will be to write a scholarly position paper in response to a problem presented regarding embryo donation/adoption. There is a total of \$5,000.00 in prize money. To register or for more information, please visit www.embryolaw.org. Deadline to enter is **Monday, March 7, 2011**.

The **College of Labor and Employment Lawyers and American Bar Association Section of Labor and Employment Law** announces their annual law student writing competition. Entries may address any aspect of public or private sector labor and/or employment law relevant to the American labor and employment bar. First place: \$1500, second place, \$1000 and third place is \$500. Competition rules are at

www.laborandemploymentcollege.org. Articles must be submitted by 5:00 p.m. CDT, **May 15, 2011**.

The **American Intellectual Property Law Association (AIPLA)** presents the 2011 Robert C. Watson competition. Award is \$2,000 to the author of best the article on a subject relating to the protection of intellectual property. Award will be presented during the 2011 AIPLA annual meeting in Washington DC. For more information, visit www.aipla.org. Deadline to enter is **June 30, 2011**.

The Theodore Tannenwald, Jr. Foundation for Excellence in Tax Scholarship and The American College of Tax Counsel are pleased to announce the 2011 Tannenwald Writing Competition. The subject may be on any federal or state tax topic. First prize is \$5,000; second prize is \$2,500; and third prize is \$1,500. For competition rules, please go to www.tannenwald.org. Entry deadline is **July 1, 2011**.

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By VMM

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JULY 2011 BAR TAKERS – MANDATORY MEETING

At **noon** on **Monday, January 24**, Dean Cantú will convene a meeting of **3L students** who will be taking the July 2011 Texas bar examination. **This meeting is mandatory.** Dean Faye Bracey also will be present to discuss Career Services, and the Director of the Office of Academic Support, Kathryn Tullos, will talk about how to begin the process of preparing for the bar exam. The meeting will be held in **LC101-102-103**, and attendance is required. If you have questions, please contact the Office of Academic Support at academicsupport@stmarytx.edu or (210) 431-4340.

SAFETY FIRST

As we begin the Spring semester, students are reminded to exercise safety on campus at all times. Last semester we had thefts to parked vehicles, in lockers, and some unattended items in the law library. Please take measures to protect your personal belongings from theft. Avoid car theft by not leaving your keys in the ignition, leaving windows rolled down, valuables in sight, sunroofs open, or leaving your car unlocked. Please ensure that your locker has a working lock. Report any locker issues to SBA Treasurer, Joe O'Neill. Please do not leave any of your personal items, i.e. books, back-packs, briefcases, purses, unattended at any time. Please visit the St. Mary's Police Department website at <http://www.stmarytx.edu/police/?go=safe> to learn more safety tips.

THE FEDERALIST SOCIETY INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT: OBSTACLE TO PEACE? Thursday, January 13, 2011 12:00 – 2:00 p.m. in the Alumni Room

The Federalist Society is proud to announce its first speech of the new year by Dean Ron Rychlak, entitled: **“International Criminal Court: Obstacle to Peace?”** The speech will be from 12:00 – 2:00 p.m. in the Alumni Room on Thursday, January 13, 2011. Come by and enjoy some **FREE FOOD!**

Professor Ronald J. Rychlak is Mississippi Defense Lawyers Association Professor of Law and Associate Dean for Academic Affairs at the University of Mississippi, School of Law. He also serves as the University's Faculty Athletics Representative. Prior to joining the faculty at Ole Miss, Ron practiced law with Jenner & Block in Chicago, and he served as clerk to Judge Harry Wellford of the U.S. Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals. He earned his J.D. from Vanderbilt University and his B.A. from Wabash College.

Ron is on the Mississippi Advisory Committee to the U.S. Civil Rights Commission, a member of the committee appointed by the Mississippi Supreme Court to revise the states criminal code, and an advisor to the Holy Sees delegation to the United Nations. He is the author or co-author of seven books, including *Real and Demonstrative Evidence: Applications and Theory* (1995, 2nd ed., 2003), which is currently under contract for a third edition. He has

written for *The Washington Post*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *Notre Dame Law Review*, *UCLA Law Review*, and several other reviews, magazines, and journals.

The purpose of The St. Mary's Federalist Society Chapter is to foster critical thought and debate about the application of conservative principles to the law. The Chapter embraces the principle that the state exists to preserve freedom, that the separation of governmental powers is central to the integrity of the Constitution of the United States of America, and that it is emphatically the province and duty of the judiciary to say what the law is – not what it should be. The Chapter seeks both to promote an awareness of these principles and to further their application through its activities. This entails reordering priorities within the legal system so as to place a premium on individual liberty, traditional values, and the rule of law. It also entails restoring recognition of these norms among lawyers, judges, law students, and professors.

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St.MU's Student Animal Legal Defense Fund (SALDF) presents **guest speaker Yolanda Eisenstein** of the Eisenstein Law Office. Ms. Eisenstein's discussion includes Animal Law 101 and Careers in Animal Law.

Two sessions will be held on **January 24, 2011** in the **Alumni Room** from 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. and 5:00 – 6:00 p.m. Lunch and dinner will be provided. Please make a reservation through Symplicity.

Yolanda Eisenstein is an attorney with an animal law practice in Dallas, Texas. She represents clients in animal-related matters including dangerous dogs, deceptive trade practices, contract disputes, and estate planning. She is an adjunct professor in animal law at SMU Dedman School of Law. She is former chair of the State Bar of Texas Animal Law Section and vice-chair of the American Bar Association TIPS Animal Law Committee. She is vice president of the Texas Humane Legislation Network, a state-wide educational and advocacy group that drafts pro-animal legislation and lobbies the Texas legislature for its passage. She speaks regularly on animal law issues and is currently writing a book on careers in animal law to be published by the ABA Law Practice Management Section. Eisenstein graduated with honors from SMU Dedman School of Law. She is licensed to practice in Texas and New Mexico.

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What I Did Last Summer" Panel

Wednesday, January 12, 2011

12:10 to 1:10 p.m.

Law Alumni Room

The OCS and SBA are sponsoring a panel to highlight to 1Ls various types of positions they can obtain for their summer after their first year. We will hear from upper class students on their work experiences and how they obtained their job. You don't want to miss this valuable session. Refreshments will be served!

Professionalism Seminar and Dress to Impress Fashion Show

Wednesday, January 19, 2011

12:00 to 1:30 p.m.

Law Alumni Room

Suggestions where to get business cards and how to create the utmost professional appearance. This will be followed by a fashion show to help you learn the do's and don'ts of what to wear at interviews and during your summer, school year and permanent jobs. Your peers and professors will model the dos and don'ts. Don't miss this fun and educational program! Lunch will be served. We will raffle off a gift card to assist you with your business wardrobe to all RSVP!!! This is being co-sponsored by WLA, Austin Young Lawyers Group and the Office of Career Services.

Animal Law 101: Come Learn About Careers in Animal Law

Monday, January 24, 2011

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Interview Skills Workshop

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SAFETY FIRST

As we begin the Spring semester, students are reminded to exercise safety on campus at all times. Last semester we had thefts to parked vehicles, in lockers, and some unattended items in the law library. **Please take measures to protect your personal belongings from theft.** Avoid car theft by not leaving your keys in the ignition, leaving windows rolled down, sunroofs open, leaving items such as laptops, phones or ipads in sight, or leaving your car unlocked. Please ensure that your locker has a working lock. Report any locker issues to SBA Treasurer, Joe O'Neill. Please do not leave any of your personal items, i.e. books, back-packs, briefcases, purses, unattended at any time. Please visit the St. Mary's Police Department website at <http://www.stmarytx.edu/police/?go=safe> to learn more safety tips.

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The Sarita Kenedy East Law Library is now a member of the **Collegiate Readership Program** and will provide free copies of the *San Antonio Express News*, *USA Today* and the *New York Times*. Stop by and pick up your copy today.

IMPROVING YOUR COMMUNICATION SKILLS

Are you interested in improving your speaking abilities, listening skills, evaluation skills, the ability to think quickly on-your-feet, or build your confidence? A survey is being taken to see if there is enough interest in starting a new Registered Student Organization (RSO) that can help Law Students improve their abilities in any of these areas. Join the Yahoo Group at http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Communications_Improvement/ to register your interest.

DALLAS/FORT WORTH ALUMNI STUDENT CHAPTER

The Dallas/Fort Worth Alumni Student Chapter (DFWASC) will hold its first general meeting of the semester on **Tuesday, January 18, 2011** from **5:30 – 6:30 p.m.** in the **Alumni Room** of the Sarita Kenedy East Law Library. Food will be provided!

LEXISNEXIS CONGRESSIONAL DATABASE TRAINING

Are you interested in the workings of our government? Interested in finding out how Congress actually works and what it really does? Then maybe you would be interested in a database to which we subscribe called **LexisNexis Congressional**. This database contains an index to all the hearings, legislative histories, all of the committee prints and committee reports, and the bills and laws which have been introduced into Congress from 1789 to the present along with links to the full text material. This phenomenal wealth of data is available online and a short training class will be offered on how to access and use this fantastic resource. Charles Finger and Garry Stillman from the law library will be offering this class on **Wednesday, January 19, 2011 at 12:00 p.m. in room 217** of the law library. Please join us for this ½ hour training. Hope to see you there!

WELCOME BACK STUDENTS – LAW MINISTRY LUNCH

Join Law Ministry for a welcome back lunch on Thursday, January 20, 2011 in the Raba building. Lunch for the day program students will begin at **11:00 a.m.** The **evening law student dinner** will be held in the **Law Classroom building** starting at **5:15 p.m.** All law students are welcome. Join us for fellowship and to learn more about Spring Break immersion trips, new and continuing service opportunities, new and continuing programs from Academic Support and Career Services, and the Innsbruck and Beijing summer program scholarships.

SALDF PRESENTS GUEST SPEAKER YOLANDA EISENSTEIN

St.MU's Student Animal Legal Defense Fund (SALDF) presents **guest speaker Yolanda Eisenstein** of the Eisenstein Law Office. Ms. Eisenstein's discussion includes Animal Law 101 and Careers in Animal Law.

Two sessions will be held on **January 24, 2011** in the **Alumni Room** from 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. and 5:00 – 6:00 p.m. Lunch and dinner will be provided. Please make a reservation through Symplicity.

Yolanda Eisenstein is an attorney with an animal law practice in Dallas, Texas. She represents clients in animal-related matters including dangerous dogs, deceptive trade practices, contract disputes, and estate planning. She is an adjunct professor in animal law at SMU Dedman School of Law. She is former chair of the State Bar of Texas Animal Law Section and vice-chair of the American Bar Association TIPS Animal Law Committee. She is vice president of the Texas Humane Legislation Network, a state-wide educational and advocacy group that drafts pro-animal legislation and lobbies the Texas legislature for its passage. She speaks regularly on animal law issues and is currently writing a book on careers in animal law to be published by the ABA Law Practice Management Section. Eisenstein graduated with honors from SMU Dedman School of Law. She is licensed to practice in Texas and New Mexico.

UNIVERSITY WIDE SERVICE DAY

The School of Law will join the University Wide Service Day on **Saturday, January 22, 2011**. The Law School service events are to repair and paint a home for a disabled Marianist Lay Woman at 2631/2633 Cincinnati Avenue, 78228 (directly across the University). 3-hour shifts are available; 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. or 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. The second service event is to serve lunch to the residents of Haven for Hope Homeless Shelter from 10:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The address is 1 Haven for Hope Way, 78207. Students are encouraged to sign up with Sister Grace Walle at gwalle@stmarytx.edu or stop by her office. It is our dedication to providing service to the community that gives St. Mary's University a "prestigious classification."

THE INSTITUTE ON CHINESE LAW AND BUSINESS

Monday, January 24, 2011

12:00 – 1:30 p.m.

Law Classroom 104

Professors Vincent Johnson and Bob Hu **invite all interested students** to attend an **information session for the China study abroad program** taking place on May 22 - June 25, 2011. You will learn all the important details about studying in China this summer and opportunities to intern with Chinese law firms. Students who participated in the program last summer will share their experience and observations. **Lunch will be provided.** Free gifts will be given away.

SCHOOL CALENDAR – "FOR PAWS"

St.MU School of Law SALDF is creating a **School Calendar** for the school year 2011 through 2012 to raise funds for "**For Paws**". For Paws is the non-profit organization responsible for caring for the cats on St. Mary's University's campus. Please be part of the project by submitting a picture of your beloved pet (or you with your pet) to st.mu.law.saldf@gmail.com, post it on StMU School of Law facebook page or contact Melissa Lesniak at mlesniak@mail.stmarytx.edu to arrange alternate delivery of a picture. Please include your name, your pets name and email address so that we may contact you to let you know if your picture will be in the calendar. We cannot guarantee all pictures will be used, but we will do our best to try and include everyone. Please do not hesitate to include a brief (no more than 5 lines) story about your pet if you would like. St.MU School of Law will collect pictures today through February 14, 2011. If you have any questions please email Melissa Lesniak, St.MU School of Law SALDF President at mlesniak@mail.stmarytx.edu.

Calendars will be sold during the months of March and April for \$16.00 each. All proceeds of the calendars will go to "For Paws" for the care of the cats on St. Mary's campus.

PRO BONO/COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM

The Pro Bono/Community Service Program has new clinics and new volunteer opportunities this spring. Check out the Pro Bono calendar for more information.

UPCOMING VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

- * January 18 - CJP Wills Clinic
- * January 22 - VITA Clinic
- * January 22 - Border Outreach (note: limited space, preference given to Spanish speakers)
- * January 25 - CJP Family Clinic
- * January 27 - Special Education Advice Clinic
- * January 29 - VITA
- * February 1 - Ask-A-Lawyer Advice Clinic
- * February 4 - Haven For Hope Warrants Clinic
- * February 5 - VITA

...and many more.

ON GOING PRO BONO OPPORTUNITY

The Director of Development and Marketing at the **St. Mary Magdalene Catholic School** is seeking current students to apply for the following volunteer positions: Database Developers, Event Leaders, and "Phonathon" Administrators. All these are part of a professional experience that will offer you real life working experience that can be used on your resume and pro bono or community service credit.

Interested students should apply directly by contacting:

Carlos Zaldivar, MSM
Development Director/Marketing
St. Mary Magdalene Catholic School
carlos@carloszaldivar.com
210-735-1381

NEW PRO BONO INFORMATION DESK HOURS

All current law students are encouraged to sign up and visit the **Pro Bono TWEN site** for more information on Pro Bono and Community Service volunteer opportunities that count towards achieving the Pro Bono and/or the Community Service Achievement Certificates. (Students who complete 50 hours of qualifying volunteer work are eligible to receive either/each certificate. See the TWEN site for more information.)

Students can also visit the Pro Bono/Community Service **Information Desk located in the Raba Building** lobby. The current RA will generally be available to answer questions and

receive hours tracking forms this spring, Mondays from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. and Tuesdays from 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

For more information visit the Pro Bono TWEN site or contact the current Pro Bono Services Division Research Assistant, Cristina Zambrano, at StMarysProBono@gmail.com.

Thank you students for your time and service!

AT&T EXCELLENCE IN PRO BONO LEGAL SERVICE SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY

Current 2L and 3L St. Mary's University School of Law students are invited to apply for the **AT&T Excellence in Pro Bono Legal Service Scholarship**. This scholarship is designed to encourage law students to develop a strong commitment to pro bono legal service while in law school, with a goal toward fostering a lasting commitment to pro bono service in their future professional practice. In addition to the Scholarship award, the recipient will have an opportunity to work with pro bono clients and attorney mentors, learn about court-filed documents and procedures, and provide legal and administrative support to the San Antonio Bar Association's Community Justice Program ("CJP").

One St. Mary's University School of Law student will be selected this semester to receive a \$2,000 scholarship to be used for tuition, books, or other educational expenses.

The deadline for submission for the spring semester is **January 21, 2011**. The application and more information can be found on the Pro Bono TWEN site under scholarship opportunity.

ALTERNATIVE SPRING BREAK AT THE BEACH

Join us on South Padre Island for Spring Break. Free Happy Hour! Free Food! Free Hotel! Community service hours and networking opportunities are also available. Information session will be held on **January 26, 2011 at 12:15 and 5:15 p.m.** in the **Alumni Room**.

NEW INFORMATION FOR VITA Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program

The **Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program (VITA)** is a community service partnership between the IRS, the City of San Antonio, Catholic Charities, St. Mary's University, the United Way, and other local universities and organizations.

VITA's purpose is to help working taxpayers who meet certain income guidelines receive all the income tax credits to which they are entitled. Many of the taxpayers we assist will qualify for the Earned Income Tax Credit and the Child Tax Credit, which are major sources of income assistance to low income working taxpayers. VITA volunteers perform an extremely valuable

service by insuring that taxpayers who are entitled to this assistance do in fact receive it by helping prepare returns correctly.

During the 2010 tax filing season, the StMU VITA site prepared over 750 income tax returns resulting in refunds totaling over \$1.3 million to residents of the neighborhoods around St. Mary's.

Extensive tax knowledge is not required due to the nature of the returns we prepare. Volunteers can be adequately prepared to do most returns with one day of training on the most relevant tax rules and the software that we use to prepare and submit the returns. **Law student volunteers will receive credit towards pro bono service hours.**

Training materials will be provided. **Volunteers need to attend one 9 hour training session. A training session is scheduled for Monday, January 17th, from 8:30 am till 5:30 pm.** Most training sessions are in the AT&T Center **ON CAMPUS** just inside the Culebra entrance. Volunteers may also check with Catholic Charities in San Antonio for other training options.

The preparation site will open on Saturday, January 22nd, in the Legal and Social Justice Center at 2507 NW 36th Street (same place as last year). Hours of operation will be advertised as 9:00 a.m. till 4:00 p.m., although actual return preparation may last until 5:00 or 6:00 p.m. The site will be open each Saturday, beginning January 22nd until April 9, 2011.

How much time you put in is up to you. You can help one Saturday, part of a Saturday, or several Saturdays.

All we need is for you to sign up for one of the training sessions. To do so you may sign up through the training link below:

<http://www.stmarytx.edu/business/index.php?site=vitaForm>

Please consider helping with VITA. It is entirely consistent with the mission of St. Mary's University and provides an opportunity for students, staff, faculty, alumni, and community partners to work together on a worthwhile endeavor.

For questions or more information, please contact vitaVolunteer@stmarytx.edu.

OFFICE OF CAREER SERVICES

Please RSVP in the Events Section of Symplicity under Workshops for ALL programs!

Professionalism Seminar and Dress to Impress Fashion Show

Wednesday, January 19, 2011

12:00 to 1:30 p.m.

Law Alumni Room

Suggestions where to get business cards and how to create the utmost professional appearance. This will be followed by a fashion show to help you learn the do's and don'ts of what to wear at interviews and during your summer, school year and permanent jobs. Your peers and professors will model the dos and don'ts. Don't miss this fun and educational program! Lunch will be served. We will raffle off a gift card to assist you with your business wardrobe to all RSVP!!! This is being co-sponsored by WLA, Austin Young Lawyers Group and the Office of Career Services.

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Monday, January 24, 2011

12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

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Interview Skills Workshop

Wednesday, January 26, 2011

4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Law Alumni Room

This program will provide students with valuable tips for upcoming interviews from local attorneys in both the public and private sectors. Lunch will be served.

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Beginning with the Fall Semester 2011, the Office of Career Services is going green. You will be expected to **bring your own** cup for coffee. There will be a designated area in the Career Services Office where you **may leave your clean cup overnight** so you do not have to remember to bring one every day. In order to leave your cup, it must be clean with your name on it. Get a jump start on going green and bring your cup today. The Office of Career Services will not be responsible for washing your cup or lost items.

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February	June 30	August 30	October 30
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For a copy of detailed information regarding the below writing competitions and scholarships, please email Bebe Gonzales at bgonzales@stmarytx.edu.

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JULY 2011 BAR TAKERS – MANDATORY MEETING

At **12:00 p.m.** on **Monday, January 24, 2011** Dean Charles Cantú will convene a meeting of **3L students** who will be taking the July 2011 Texas bar examination. **This meeting is mandatory.** Dean Faye Bracey also will be present to discuss Career Services, and the Director of the Office of Academic Support, Kathryn Tullos, will talk about how to begin the process of preparing for the bar exam. The meeting will be held **in LC101-102-103**, and attendance is required. If you have questions, please contact the Office of Academic Support at academicsupport@stmarytx.edu or (210) 431-4340.

SALDF PRESENTS GUEST SPEAKER YOLANDA EISENSTEIN

St.MU's Student Animal Legal Defense Fund (SALDF) presents **guest speaker Yolanda Eisenstein** of the Eisenstein Law Office. Ms. Eisenstein's discussion includes Animal Law 101 and Careers in Animal Law.

Two sessions will be held on **January 24, 2011** in the **Alumni Room** from 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. and 5:00 – 6:00 p.m. Lunch and dinner will be provided. Please make a reservation through Symplicity.

Yolanda Eisenstein is an attorney with an animal law practice in Dallas, Texas. She represents clients in animal-related matters including dangerous dogs, deceptive trade practices, contract disputes, and estate planning. She is an adjunct professor in animal law at SMU Dedman School of Law. She is former chair of the State Bar of Texas Animal Law Section and vice-chair of the American Bar Association TIPS Animal Law Committee. She is vice president of the Texas Humane Legislation Network, a state-wide educational and advocacy group that drafts pro-animal legislation and lobbies the Texas legislature for its passage. She speaks regularly on animal law issues and is currently writing a book on careers in animal law to be published by the ABA Law Practice Management Section. Eisenstein graduated with honors from SMU Dedman School of Law. She is licensed to practice in Texas and New Mexico.

THE INSTITUTE ON CHINESE LAW AND BUSINESS

Monday, January 24, 2011

12:00 – 1:30 p.m.

Law Classroom 104

Professors Vincent Johnson and Bob Hu **invite all interested students** to attend an **information session for the China study abroad program** taking place on May 22 - June 25, 2011. You will learn all the important details about studying in China this summer and opportunities to intern with Chinese law firms. Students who participated in the program last summer will share their experience and observations. **Lunch will be provided.** Free gifts will be given away.

ANNUAL JOINT LUNCHEON – WOMEN'S LAW ASSOCIATION

Please join the Women's Law Association (WLA) for our **Annual Joint Luncheon** with the **Bexar County Women's Bar Association** on **Wednesday, January 26, 2011** from **noon to 1:00 p.m.** in the **Alumni Room** of the Sarita Kenedy East Law Library. The luncheon includes a candid, frank panel discussion with powerful women in the law about work life balance, how to search for jobs in this economy, and tips for paying back student loans. Luncheon is free for WLA members. **WLA Auction proceeds will be presented** to AMikids/WINGS for Life.

ALTERNATIVE SPRING BREAK AT THE BEACH

Join us on **South Padre Island** for Spring Break. Free Happy Hour! Free Food! Free Hotel! Community service hours and networking opportunities are also available. Information session will be held on **January 26, 2011** at **12:15** and **5:15 p.m.** in the **Alumni Room**.

CHINESE NEW YEAR CELEBRATION/FUNDRAISER

Law students, faculty, and staff are invited to join APALSA and Law Ministry in celebrating the Chinese New Year (year of the Rabbit) on **Wednesday, February 2, 2011** at Golden Wok located at 8822 Wurzbach Road (at I-10 and Wurzbach), 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. We will be fundraising for the China Pioneer Program while enjoying good food surrounded by great company. Contact Sr. Grace to R.S.V.P. and to purchase your ticket at gwall@stmarytx.edu or (210) 431-3063. This event is co-sponsored by Dean Charles Cantú.

THE SCHOLAR – 2011 SYMPOSIUM

The Scholar: St. Mary's Law Review on Minority Issues

presents its

2011 Symposium

“Minorities in Family Law: Family Law as an Agent of Social Change and Empowerment for Minorities in the 21st Century”

The Symposium will take place on **Friday February 11, 2011** at **8:30 a.m.** at the **Plaza Club** in the Frost Bank Building (100 W. Houston) in downtown San Antonio, Texas.

This year's Symposium will explore the role of family law as an agent of social change and equality for minorities. Historically, family law has rejected the traditional gender roles associated with marriage and favored a vision of family life grounded in principles of gender egalitarianism. Now, as we near the end of the first decade of the twenty-first century, family law has taken center stage in the national political platform, leading a wave of legal reform that favors our country's changing social needs which have sparked a revolution in areas such as same-sex marriage and reproductive technologies. As family law leads this revolution of social change, family law attorneys are increasingly becoming more active in their dual roles as both counselors and advocates. Our symposium will reflect how the typical model of a family lawyer

as a problem solver is effectively transforming into that of gladiators who are willing to take extreme adversarial positions, not only protecting the interests of their clients but ultimately acting as agents of social equality for minorities.

If interested in attending the Symposium, please **register at** <http://thescholarlawreview.eventbrite.com> or directly with our office at (210) 431-4229. For any additional questions, please contact Francisca at fperez1@stmarytx.edu or Emmanuel Garcia, Managing & Symposium Editor at emmanuel.gp100@gmail.com.

THE ST. MARY'S LAW JOURNAL – 2011 SYMPOSIUM

The *St. Mary's Law Journal* hosts the Tenth Annual Symposium on Legal Malpractice & Ethics

6 CLE Ethics hours available

Date: Friday, February 18, 2011
Venue: The Plaza Club, 100 W. Houston, Suite 2100 San Antonio, Texas
Time: 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Register: Interested law students and faculty should send an email to lcauley@mail.stmarytx.edu or rhiggins@stmarytx.edu by February 11, 2011

The *St. Mary's Law Journal* invites the St. Mary's University School of Law students and faculty to attend the Tenth Annual Symposium on Legal Malpractice & Ethics. The program will address a variety of topics in the areas of ethics and legal malpractice, including professional responsibility in social media, ethics for prosecutors, and recent case law updates. Papers from the Symposium will be published in the inaugural issue of *St. Mary's Journal on Legal Malpractice & Ethics*. Participants will receive 6 CLE ethics hours.

Symposium Topics and Speakers

Probing the Fundamental Assumptions and Redefining the Roles of Judges, Mediators and Lawyers in Mandatory Mediation

Tracy Walters McCormack is Director of Advocacy at the University of Texas School of Law. The co-author of a new book (*The First Trial: Where Do I Sit? What Do I Say?*), she recently published an article entitled "Honesty is the Best Policy: It's Time to Disclose a Lack of Jury Trial Experience."

Circular 230: New Rules that Govern Practice Before the IRS

C. John Muller is an associate at the law firm of Strasburger and Price in San Antonio, Texas. He represents small businesses in the areas of taxation and business litigation and provides general litigation services, advice on matters of organization and governance, and fiduciary duties and responsibilities.

Professional Responsibility for the Pro Se Attorney

Margaret Raymond is the William G. Hammond Professor of Law at the University of Iowa College of Law. She is the author of “The Law and Ethics of Law Practice” (West 2009), a casebook in professional responsibility, and is a frequent provider of continuing legal education in ethics.

How Should Lawyers Handle the Receipt of Possibly Privileged Information that Has Been Probably Unintentionally Disclosed?

James M. Fischer is Professor of Law at Southwestern Law School in Los Angeles, California. Professor Fischer served on the California State Bar Committees on Professional Responsibility and Conduct, Legal Malpractice Insurance, and the Administration of Justice.

Case Law Update

Justice Sandee Bryan Marion serves on the Fourth Court of Appeals where she has been since January 2002. Justice Marion served as Judge of Bexar County Probate Court No. 2 from 1992 until her appointment to the Fourth Court of Appeals. Justice Marion was named the 2008 Distinguished Graduate of St. Mary’s University School of Law.

Legal Malpractice Experts and the Duty to Report Professional Misconduct

Vincent R. Johnson is Professor of Law at St. Mary’s University where he teaches and writes in the areas of torts, professional responsibility, and legal malpractice. Professor Johnson’s articles have been cited in more than 125 law reviews and numerous federal and state court decisions.

Practical Ethics for the Professional Prosecutor

Enrico B. Valdez is the Appellate Division Chief of the Bexar County District Attorney’s Office. He has authored and co-authored several papers on various criminal law topics, including prosecutorial ethics and has been a speaker at programs sponsored by the State Bar of Texas, University of Texas School of Law, and The Texas Court of Criminal Appeals.

An Article We Wrote in the Future: A Look Back at Early 21st Century Views of Ethical Issues and Technology

David Hricik is Professor of Law at Mercer University School of Law in Macon, Georgia. He served as a member of the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct Committee of the State Bar of Texas and advised lawyers and law firms regarding ethical issues for nearly two decades. His blog, legalethics.com, follows ethical issues arising from technology.

For more information contact:

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LAWLAPALOOZA IS BACK

Everyone is invited to the **third annual Lawlapalooza – February 18, 2011** at **Hemingway's Tavern**. It's our one night a year to show off our musical talents and act like rock stars – so if you sing or play an instrument, sign up! Don't be shy. We had a blast last year and are looking forward to this year's performance surprises. All types of acts are encouraged to sign up, whether you sing, play guitar, have a whole band, a one-man show, or even invented your own form of musical entertainment. You don't need a full set to play, if you have one song you want to perform, that's fine with us. **Come out and show us** how you rock out when no one's looking. It's going to be a great time.

Benefit information: LLP 2011 event benefits the **Capitol School of Austin (CSA)**. CSA is a non-profit school with programs designed specifically for pre-school to third grade children with learning differences in the areas of speech and language. Among the great programs offered at CSA is a music therapy program that we would like to contribute to. CSA will provide half the funding for the year, leaving \$2,500 that needs to be raised. Think of how great it would be to know that you and I were part of giving a child the gift of music for an entire year! To see more on the school, you can visit their website at <http://www.capitolschool.com>.

Sign-ups begin next week (in person or via email), Tuesday through Thursday, in the law classroom building. Look for our banner, the Legal Society for Musicians.

FIVE LAW STUDENTS ELIGIBLE FOR SCHOLARSHIP PASSES TO SEMINAR

Sterling Education Services, Inc. is a non-profit continuing education company that conducts seminars across the nation. We are holding the following seminars in Texas and we would like to offer **five law students free scholarship-passes** to each seminar. The students get a day-long overview of a particular aspect of the law, a seminar manual, and will also get an opportunity to network with practicing attorneys. This is a win-win situation.

- Landlord-Tenant Law in San Antonio on March 2, 2011
- Fundamentals of Employment Law in Amarillo on March 3, 2011

Visit online at www.sterlingeducation.com for information and details on this program, or call (715) 855-0495. (Do not register on the website.) **Students must register before the seminar via phone.** No walk-ins will be allowed. Only current law students may take advantage of these passes and **MUST** provide their student ID number or other proof of enrollment in order to register. For those students who wish to register, should call directly with the following information:

Information on the seminar which they are interested in attending:

Title:

City, ST:

Date:

Student Information:

Full Name:

Student ID# (required):

CC information*: (may be called-in if preferable, but must be provided to secure registration)

Phone Number:

Email Address:

Full Mailing Address:

School Name:

*Important Note: Scholarship policy requires that recipients provide credit card information at the time of registration to secure their free pass. No charge will be made to the card unless the registrant fails to attend the program and does not notify us three business days in advance. If a scholarship registrant should fail to show up at the program or cancel as described above a \$50.00 no-show fee will be charged to the card provided. This policy has been instituted to avoid students securing a free pass and not choosing to use it while other students who would have like to have attended were told the free slots had been filled. Students will be thoroughly informed of this policy upon registration for the program. Thank you for your participation in this offer.

SCHOOL CALENDAR – “FOR PAWS”

St.MU School of Law SALDF is creating a **School Calendar** for the school year 2011 through 2012 to raise funds for “**For Paws**”. For Paws is the non-profit organization responsible for caring for the cats on St. Mary’s University’s campus. Please be part of the project by submitting a picture of your beloved pet (or you with your pet) to st.mu.law.saldf@gmail.com, post it on StMU School of Law facebook page or contact Melissa Lesniak at mlesniak@mail.stmarytx.edu to arrange alternate delivery of a picture. Please include your name, your pets name and email address so that we may contact you to let you know if your picture will be in the calendar. We cannot guarantee all pictures will be used, but we will do our best to try and include everyone. Please do not hesitate to include a brief (no more than 5 lines) story about your pet if you would like. St.MU School of Law will collect pictures today through February 14, 2011. If you have any questions please email Melissa Lesniak, St.MU School of Law SALDF President at mlesniak@mail.stmarytx.edu.

Calendars will be sold during the months of March and April for \$16.00 each. All proceeds of the calendars will go to “For Paws” for the care of the cats on St. Mary’s campus.

PRO BONO/COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM

The Pro Bono/Community Service Program has new clinics and new volunteer opportunities this spring. Check out the Pro Bono calendar for more information.

UPCOMING VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

* January 25 - CJP Family Clinic

- * January 27 - Special Education Advice Clinic
- * January 29 - VITA
- * February 1 - Ask-A-Lawyer Advice Clinic
- * February 4 - Haven For Hope Warrants Clinic
- * February 5 - VITA

...and many more.

ON GOING PRO BONO OPPORTUNITY

The Director of Development and Marketing at the **St. Mary Magdalene Catholic School** is seeking current students to apply for the following volunteer positions: Database Developers, Event Leaders, and "Phonathon" Administrators. All these are part of a professional experience that will offer you real life working experience that can be used on your resume and pro bono or community service credit.

Interested students should apply directly by contacting:

Carlos Zaldivar, MSM
 Development Director/Marketing
 St. Mary Magdalene Catholic School
carlos@carloszaldivar.com
 210-735-1381

NEW PRO BONO INFORMATION DESK HOURS

All current law students are encouraged to sign up and visit the **Pro Bono TWEN site** for more information on Pro Bono and Community Service volunteer opportunities that count towards achieving the Pro Bono and/or the Community Service Achievement Certificates. (Students who complete 50 hours of qualifying volunteer work are eligible to receive either/each certificate. See the TWEN site for more information.)

Students can also visit the Pro Bono/Community Service **Information Desk located in the Raba Building** lobby. The current RA will generally be available to answer questions and receive hours tracking forms this spring, Mondays from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. and Tuesdays from 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

For more information visit the Pro Bono TWEN site or contact the current Pro Bono Services Division Research Assistant, Cristina Zambrano, at StMarysProBono@gmail.com.

Thank you students for your time and service!

OFFICE OF CAREER SERVICES

Please RSVP in the Events Section of Symplicity under Workshops for ALL programs!

Animal Law 101: Come Learn About Careers in Animal Law

Monday, January 24, 2011

12:00 to 1:00 p.m. and 5:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Law Alumni Room

This event is co-sponsored by the Office of Career Services and Student Animal Legal Defense Fund. Yolanda Eisenstein owns an animal law practice in Dallas and she is the vice president of the Texas Humane Legislation Network.

Interview Skills Workshop

Wednesday, January 26, 2011

4:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Law Alumni Room

This program will provide students with valuable tips for upcoming interviews from local attorneys in both the public and private sectors. Lunch will be served.

AT&T SUMMER INTERNSHIP

Attention Class of 2013. Interested in working Dallas THIS summer? \$\$\$\$ Looking for that rare paid position... then keep reading \$\$\$\$ **AT&T's Legal Department** is hiring Class of 2013 students for their **summer internship** in Dallas. This is a full-time position that will last for 10 weeks. Don't wait apply TODAY! To apply log into the St. Mary's Symplicity at <https://law-stmarytx-csm.symplicity.com/students/> Go to the Job Bank tab. You should easily find the posting in the Job Bank. Upload your resume, writing sample and transcript and then apply on Symplicity. It is that easy! The **deadline to apply is February 11, 2011.**

GOING GREEN

Beginning with the Fall Semester 2011, the Office of Career Services is going green. You will be expected to **bring your own** cup for coffee. There will be a designated area in the Career Services Office where you **may leave your clean cup overnight** so you do not have to remember to bring one every day. In order to leave your cup, it must be clean with your name on it. Get a jump start on going green and bring your cup today. The Office of Career Services will not be responsible for washing your cup or lost items.

TEXAS BOARD OF LAW EXAMINERS – FILING DEADLINES

<u>Examination Dates</u>	<u>File No Earlier Than</u>	<u>Timely Postmark Deadline</u>	<u>Absolute Postmark Deadline</u>
February	June 30	August 30	October 30
July	November 30	January 30	March 30

FREE – DAILY NEWSPAPERS

The Sarita Kenedy East Law Library is now a member of the **Collegiate Readership Program** and will provide free copies of the *San Antonio Express News*, *USA Today* and the *New York Times*. Stop by and pick up your copy today.

SAFETY FIRST

As we begin the Spring semester, students are reminded to exercise safety on campus at all times. Last semester we had thefts to parked vehicles, in lockers, and some unattended items in the law library. **Please take measures to protect your personal belongings from theft.** Avoid car theft by not leaving your keys in the ignition, leaving windows rolled down, sunroofs open, leaving items such as laptops, phones or ipads in sight, or leaving your car unlocked. Please ensure that your locker has a working lock. Report any locker issues to SBA Treasurer, Joe O'Neill. Please do not leave any of your personal items, i.e. books, back-packs, briefcases, purses, unattended at any time. Please visit the St. Mary's Police Department website at <http://www.stmarytx.edu/police/?go=safe> to learn more safety tips.

IMPROVING YOUR COMMUNICATION SKILLS

Are you interested in improving your speaking abilities, listening skills, evaluation skills, the ability to think quickly on-your-feet, or build your confidence? A survey is being taken to see if there is enough interest in starting a new Registered Student Organization (RSO) that can help Law Students improve their abilities in any of these areas. Join the Yahoo Group at http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Communications_Improvement/ to register your interest.

WRITING COMPETITIONS, FELLOWSHIPS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

For a copy of detailed information regarding the below writing competitions and scholarships, please email Bebe Gonzales at bgonzales@stmarytx.edu.

The **Scholarship Foundation of Santa Barbara** is pleased to announce that students may now apply for the 2011-2012 Graduate and medical Student Scholarships. For more information and to apply online, please visit www.sbscholarship.org. Deadline to apply is **January 31, 2011**.

The **Public Justice, America's Public Interest Law Firm** announces the 2011 Roscoe/Smoger Access to Justice essay contest. A \$5,000 cash award will be given to the author of the winning essay. The 2011 topic is *The Gulf Oil Spill: Who Are The Victims and How Do They Get Compensated?* Intent-to-enter submission deadline is **January 31, 2011**. Essay contest deadline is March 31, 2011. For more information please visit www.publicjustice.net.

The **American Indian Law Review (AILR)** is pleased to announce its annual writing competition for 2010-2011. Papers will be accepted on any issue concerning American Indian

Law. First place will be awarded \$1,000 and publication of paper in the AILR, an official periodical of the University of Oklahoma College of Law. Second place is \$500 and third place is \$250. Deadline to apply is **6:00 p.m. CST, January 31, 2011.**

Transnational Law & Contemporary Problems a Journal of the University of Iowa College of Law announces its 2010-2011 **Trandafir International Business Writing Competition**. A \$2,000 cash prize will be awarded. Winning essay will also be published in Transnational Law & Contemporary Problems, a Journal of the University of Iowa College of Law. Entry deadline is **February 1, 2011**. For more information and contest rules, please visit http://www.uiowa.edu/~tlcp/trandafir_competition.html.

The 2011 **Bert W. Levit** Essay Contest, sponsored by the ABA Standing Committee on Lawyers' Professional Liability and Long & Levit LLP for Law Students and Young Lawyers is now accepting entries. The winner will be awarded a prize of \$5,000. Postmark deadline for entries is **February 18, 2011**. For the essay contest hypothetical and rules, visit: <http://bit.ly/Levit2011>.

The **Cameron County Bar Association** is proud to announce the establishment of its Scholarship Fund. The Fund will award \$3,000 for financial assistance annually to each scholarship recipient. The applicant's financial need; personal, family, and educational background; personal statement; and participation in community service activities will be considered in selecting the recipients of the Cameron County Bar Association Scholarship. Application deadline is **March 11, 2011**. For more information and application please see <http://www.law.uh.edu/financialaid/cameron%20county.pdf>.

The **National Association of Chapter 13 Trustees** has established an annual student writing competition to encourage and reward original law student writing on issues concerning consumer bankruptcy and the law. Entrants should submit an essay, article, or comment on an issue concerning Chapter 13 of the Bankruptcy Code. The author of the first-place essay will receive a prize of \$1000 and the essay will be published in the NACTT Quarterly. Entries must be received by **April 30, 2011**.

Nightlight Christian Adoptions announce their fourth annual 2011 Embryo Law Essay Competition. The challenge will be to write a scholarly position paper in response to a problem presented regarding embryo donation/adoption. There is a total of \$5,000.00 in prize money. To register or for more information, please visit www.embryolaw.org. Deadline to enter is **Monday, March 7, 2011**.

Notre Dame Law School Smith-Doheny Legal Ethics Writing Competition Call For Papers. The competition is open to all law students. Entries should concern any issue within the general category of legal ethics. Entries must be original, unpublished work and must not exceed 50 pages, including notes. Coauthored essays may be submitted. Prize money is \$2,500. Entries must be received by 5:00 p.m., **Friday, April 29, 2011**. Submit Entries to: Smith-Doheny Legal Ethics Writing Competition, Notre Dame Law School, Notre Dame, Indiana 46556. For more information, please email sumption.1@nd.edu or go to

www.nd.edu/~ndlaw/writing_competitions/smith_doheny.pdf

The College of Labor and Employment Lawyers and American Bar Association Section of Labor and Employment Law announces their annual law student writing competition. Entries may address any aspect of public or private sector labor and/or employment law relevant to the American labor and employment bar. First place: \$1500, second place, \$1000 and third place is \$500. Competition rules are at www.laborandemploymentcollege.org. Articles must be submitted by 5:00 p.m. CDT, **May 15, 2011**.

The **International Association of Defense Counsel** invites you to participate in its 2011 Legal Writing Contest. First prize, \$2,000, second prize is \$1,000 and third prize is \$500. Deadline for articles is **May 20, 2011**. Contest rules, writing guidelines, and entry forms can be found at www.iadclaw.org.

Women Trial Lawyers Caucus of the American Association for Justice (AAJ) announces the Women for Justice Education Fund's 2011 Mike Eidson Scholarship. The Scholarship is awarded annually to a rising 3L (or rising 4L in a night program) female student who has demonstrated a commitment to a career as a trial lawyer, along with dedication to upholding and defending the principles of the Constitution, and to the concept of a fair trial, the adversary system, and a just result for the injured, the accused, and those whose rights are jeopardized. Application **deadline is May 31, 2011** and the Scholarship will be awarded at the AAJ Annual Convention, which will take place this year in July in New York City.

The **University of Connecticut Law School** announces their legal writing competition, now in its second year. Prizes include \$750 for the first-place winner, \$500 for the second-place winner, and \$250 for the third-place winner. The competition rules and intent to enter form are available online at <http://www.law.uconn.edu/node/9541>. Deadline to apply is **June 1, 2011**.

The **American Judges Association (AJA)** announces its Twenty-Third Annual Law Student Essay Competition. Essays submitted must be under the category of "Must a minor student be given his or her rights, including a *Miranda* warning and the right to have a parent present, before being questioned by police on school grounds." First prize is \$3,000, second prize is \$1,500, and third prize is \$1,000. Entries must be postmarked no later than **June 1, 2011**. For more information, please see <http://aja.ncsc.dni.us>.

The **American Intellectual Property Law Association (AIPLA)** presents the 2011 Robert C. Watson competition. Award is \$2,000 to the author of best the article on a subject relating to the protection of intellectual property. Award will be presented during the 2011 AIPLA annual meeting in Washington DC. For more information, visit www.aipla.org. Deadline to enter is **June 30, 2011**.

The Theodore Tannenwald, Jr. Foundation for Excellence in Tax Scholarship and The American College of Tax Counsel are pleased to announce the 2011 Tannenwald Writing Competition. The subject may be on any federal or state tax topic. First prize is \$5,000; second

prize is \$2,500; and third prize is \$1,500. For competition rules, please go to www.tannenwald.org. Entry deadline is **July 1, 2011**.

The **Legal Committee of the Southeastern Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies** (SEAFWA) announces its annual writing contest. Winning paper will be published at the SEAFWA Annual Conference October 22-26, 2011 in Nashville, Tennessee. Winner will receive up to \$1,000 to defray the cost of a trip to the conference to present the paper. Deadline to submit paper is **July 31, 2011**. For information on the SEAFWA please visit www.seafwa.org.

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By VMM

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THE SCHOLAR: ST. MARY'S LAW REVIEW ON MINORITY ISSUES 2010-2011 CONGRATULATES STAFF WRITERS FOR PUBLICATION OF THEIR COMMENTS

The Scholar: St. Mary's Law Review on Minority Issues 2010–2011 Editorial Board, wishes to congratulate the following Staff Writers for publication of their Comments:

Promising a Better Future but Delivering Debt: Understanding the Financial and Social Impact of For-Profit Colleges and the Effect of the New Program Integrity Rules
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Twice Uprooted: How Government Policies Exacerbate Injury to Low-Income Americans Following Natural Disasters
Elizabeth Pierson Hernandez

Closing the Courthouse Doors: The Implications of the Discovery of Immigration-related Facts and the Effects of Section 30.014 of the Texas Civil Practice & Remedies Code
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Christopher Konneker

Minority Voting Rights: Is Cumulative Voting a Valid Remedy for Violations of the Voting Rights Act or An Impermissible Tactic to Advance Racial Politics?
Erica Lynne Mirehouse

The following comments have been selected to receive Credit with Honors:

The Alternative Medicine Man: Alternative Medicine & Traditional Healing as Avenues for Economic Efficiency in the Indian Health Service
Andrea Bjornson

Separation of Corporation and State: How Placing Corporate Officials Into Government Positions is Advancing Corporate Agenda While Leaving Consumers and Americans Powerless
Zana Masnic

FOLLOW WHAT IS HAPPENING IN YOUR STUDENT BAR ASSOCIATION

Check out the Student Bar Association (SBA) on the St. Mary's Law website.
<http://www.stmarytx.edu/law/> --> Current Students --> Student Bar Association

Our most informative feature is a Universal Calendar. This calendar has all of the St. Mary's law events submitted to SBA. Please check it often.

Go to our SBA Facebook page (St. Mary's University - Student Bar Association) and "LIKE" our page or "Follow" us on Twitter (StMUSBA).

The SBA Outline Bank is available on SBA's TWEN site.

CHINESE NEW YEAR CELEBRATION/FUNDRAISER

Law students, faculty, and staff are invited to join APALSA and Law Ministry in celebrating the Chinese New Year (Year of the Rabbit) on **Wednesday, February 2, 2011** at **Golden Wok** located at **8822 Wurzbach Road** (at I-10 and Wurzbach), **6:00 – 9:00 p.m.** We will be fundraising for the China Pioneer Program while enjoying good food surrounded by great company. Please contact Sr. Grace to R.S.V.P. and to purchase your ticket at gwall@stmarytx.edu or (210) 431-3063. This event is co-sponsored by Dean Charles Cantú.

CALLING ALL "OLDER THAN DIRT" STUDENTS

Law Ministry is hosting a luncheon for "Older Than Dirt" students. The luncheon will begin at **11:00 a.m., on Thursday, February 3, 2011 in the Raba foyer**. If you attended the last luncheon, please join us again to catch-up, enjoy fellowship, and learn of upcoming events. If you were unable to join us the last time, then please come on over and meet students in like situations. If you are married, in a long standing relationship, have children, old, or just feel old....we hope to see you there.

INNSBRUCK PROGRAM INFORMATIONAL MEETING

An Innsbruck Program informational meeting will be held on **Monday, February 7, 2011 from 12:00 to 12:50 p.m. in LC102**. Topics to be discussed include: travel to, from, and within Europe; social events and field trips for this year's program; financial aid and costs; and the visit of our Distinguished Visiting Jurist, Judge Andras Sajó of the European Court of Human Rights. Learn how you can earn credits this summer while studying with world-class faculty in the Austrian Alps. As a prior participant said, "Do whatever it takes, but just go!" ***NOW, FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK AT*** "St. Mary's Institute on World Legal Problems – Innsbruck Summer Program 2011." For more information, contact Prof. Geary Reamey or Prof. Mike Ariens.

THE FEDERALIST SOCIETY – THE WORLD ENDS!

How we're making a sucker's bet with the planet at stake!

By Professor John Kunich

February 8, 2011

12:00 – 2:00 p.m., Alumni Room

The Federalist Society is proud to announce its second speech of the new year by Professor John Kunich, entitled: "**Free Market Environmentalism.**" The speech will be from

12:00 – 2:00 p.m. in the Alumni Room on Tuesday, February 8, 2011. Come by and enjoy some **FREE FOOD!**

Professor John Kunich is the author of seven books, including the new **BETTING THE EARTH: HOW WE CAN STILL WIN THE BIGGEST GAMBLE OF ALL TIME**. This book is the only one to be endorsed by Harvard, Duke, and Notre Dame professors, a United States Congressman, AND by famed poker pro Barry Greenstein. He is a graduate of Harvard Law School with an LLM in environmental law from George Washington University, to go with his Bachelor and Master of Science degrees in Biological Sciences from the University of Illinois. He served 20 years in Air Force JAG, including assignments at the Headquarters Air Force Environmental Law and Litigation Division and is the chief environmental attorney for U.S. and Air Force Space Command.

Professor Kunich recently served as a Fulbright Senior Specialist at the Indian Law Institute in New Delhi, India. He has twice testified before the United States Congress on environmental legal issues. He has been a guest on such television networks as Fox News, CNN, PBS, and MSNBC. In addition to his seven books, he has authored numerous law review articles that have been published in the journals of Georgetown, University of Southern California, Washington University, and many others.

The purpose of The St. Mary's Federalist Society Chapter is to foster critical thought and debate about the application of conservative principles to the law. The Chapter embraces the principle that the state exists to preserve freedom, that the separation of governmental powers is central to the integrity of the Constitution of the United States of America, and that it is emphatically the province and duty of the judiciary to say what the law is – not what it should be. The Chapter seeks both to promote an awareness of these principles and to further their application through its activities. This entails reordering priorities within the legal system so as to place a premium on individual liberty, traditional values, and the rule of law. It also entails restoring recognition of these norms among lawyers, judges, law students, and professors.

NEED A DATE FOR VALENTINE'S DAY?

Tired of dating the same ol' law students? Looking for a way to connect to other professional graduates in the San Antonio area? Join the UT Health Science Center Medical and Dental students on **Thursday, February 10, 2011** at this year's Valentine's Speed Dating event. Tickets are \$20 dollars at the door and light refreshments will be served. Profits will benefit various charities in San Antonio. **Event begins at 5:30 p.m. and will last until 8:00 p.m.** Come meet a future mate, or client, at this collaborative event. Student ID is required and R.S.V.P. is preferred but not necessary. If you are interested please send name, email, and phone number to sga@uthscsa.edu. Event will be held at the Parman Foyer on the UT Health Science Center campus located at **7703 Floyd Curl Drive**. GLBT community welcome.

THE SCHOLAR – 2011 SYMPOSIUM

The Scholar: St. Mary's Law Review on Minority Issues

presents its

2011 Symposium

“Minorities in Family Law: Family Law as an Agent of Social Change and Empowerment for Minorities in the 21st Century”

The Symposium will take place on **Friday February 11, 2011 at 8:30 a.m.** at the **Plaza Club** in the Frost Bank Building (100 W. Houston) in downtown San Antonio, Texas.

This year's Symposium will explore the role of family law as an agent of social change and equality for minorities. Historically, family law has rejected the traditional gender roles associated with marriage and favored a vision of family life grounded in principles of gender egalitarianism. Now, as we near the end of the first decade of the twenty-first century, family law has taken center stage in the national political platform, leading a wave of legal reform that favors our country's changing social needs which have sparked a revolution in areas such as same-sex marriage and reproductive technologies. As family law leads this revolution of social change, family law attorneys are increasingly becoming more active in their dual roles as both counselors and advocates. Our symposium will reflect how the typical model of a family lawyer as a problem solver is effectively transforming into that of gladiators who are willing to take extreme adversarial positions, not only protecting the interests of their clients but ultimately acting as agents of social equality for minorities.

If interested in attending the Symposium, please **register at** <http://thescholarlawreview.eventbrite.com> or directly with our office at (210) 431-4229. For any additional questions, please contact Francisca at fperez1@stmarytx.edu or Emmanuel Garcia, Managing & Symposium Editor at emmanuel.gp100@gmail.com.

THE ST. MARY'S LAW JOURNAL – 2011 SYMPOSIUM

The *St. Mary's Law Journal* hosts the Tenth Annual Symposium on Legal Malpractice & Ethics

6 CLE Ethics hours available

Date: Friday, February 18, 2011
Venue: The Plaza Club, 100 W. Houston, Suite 2100 San Antonio, Texas
Time: 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Register: Interested law students and faculty should send an email to lcauley@mail.stmarytx.edu or rhiggins@stmarytx.edu by February 11, 2011

The *St. Mary's Law Journal* invites the St. Mary's University School of Law students and faculty to attend the Tenth Annual Symposium on Legal Malpractice & Ethics. The program will

address a variety of topics in the areas of ethics and legal malpractice, including professional responsibility in social media, ethics for prosecutors, and recent case law updates. Papers from the Symposium will be published in the inaugural issue of *St. Mary's Journal on Legal Malpractice & Ethics*. Participants will receive 6 CLE ethics hours.

Symposium Topics and Speakers

Probing the Fundamental Assumptions and Redefining the Roles of Judges, Mediators and Lawyers in Mandatory Mediation

Tracy Walters McCormack is Director of Advocacy at the University of Texas School of Law. The co-author of a new book (*The First Trial: Where Do I Sit? What Do I Say?*), she recently published an article entitled "Honesty is the Best Policy: It's Time to Disclose a Lack of Jury Trial Experience."

Circular 230: New Rules that Govern Practice Before the IRS

C. John Muller is an associate at the law firm of Strasburger and Price in San Antonio, Texas. He represents small businesses in the areas of taxation and business litigation and provides general litigation services, advice on matters of organization and governance, and fiduciary duties and responsibilities.

Professional Responsibility for the Pro Se Attorney

Margaret Raymond is the William G. Hammond Professor of Law at the University of Iowa College of Law. She is the author of "The Law and Ethics of Law Practice" (West 2009), a casebook in professional responsibility, and is a frequent provider of continuing legal education in ethics.

How Should Lawyers Handle the Receipt of Possibly Privileged Information that Has Been Probably Unintentionally Disclosed?

James M. Fischer is Professor of Law at Southwestern Law School in Los Angeles, California. Professor Fischer served on the California State Bar Committees on Professional Responsibility and Conduct, Legal Malpractice Insurance, and the Administration of Justice.

Case Law Update

Justice Sandee Bryan Marion serves on the Fourth Court of Appeals where she has been since January 2002. Justice Marion served as Judge of Bexar County Probate Court No. 2 from 1992 until her appointment to the Fourth Court of Appeals. Justice Marion was named the 2008 Distinguished Graduate of St. Mary's University School of Law.

Legal Malpractice Experts and the Duty to Report Professional Misconduct

Vincent R. Johnson is Professor of Law at St. Mary's University where he teaches and writes in the areas of torts, professional responsibility, and legal malpractice. Professor Johnson's articles have been cited in more than 125 law reviews and numerous federal and state court decisions.

Practical Ethics for the Professional Prosecutor

Enrico B. Valdez is the Appellate Division Chief of the Bexar County District Attorney's

Office. He has authored and co-authored several papers on various criminal law topics, including prosecutorial ethics and has been a speaker at programs sponsored by the State Bar of Texas, University of Texas School of Law, and The Texas Court of Criminal Appeals.

An Article We Wrote in the Future: A Look Back at Early 21st Century Views of Ethical Issues and Technology

David Hricik is Professor of Law at Mercer University School of Law in Macon, Georgia. He served as a member of the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct Committee of the State Bar of Texas and advised lawyers and law firms regarding ethical issues for nearly two decades. His blog, legalethics.com, follows ethical issues arising from technology.

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THE 17TH ANNUAL PEOPLE'S LAW SCHOOL

The **17th Annual People's Law School** will take place on **Saturday, February 19, 2011** from **9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** in the **Law Classroom Building**. Qualified local attorneys will share their experience in a series of classes. The event is **OPEN TO THE PUBLIC** and **ADMISSION IS FREE**. **Volunteers are needed** to perform various tasks throughout the day. If you are interested, please go to the Pro Bono TWEN site for more detailed information.

LAWLAPALOOZA IS BACK

Everyone is invited to the **third annual Lawlapalooza – February 18, 2011** at **Hemingway's Tavern**. It's our one night a year to show off our musical talents and act like rock stars – so if you sing or play an instrument, sign up! Don't be shy. We had a blast last year and are looking forward to this year's performance surprises. All types of acts are encouraged to sign up, whether you sing, play guitar, have a whole band, a one-man show, or even invented your own form of musical entertainment. You don't need a full set to play, if you have one song you want to perform, that's fine with us. **Come out and show us** how you rock out when no one's looking. It's going to be a great time.

Benefit information: LLP 2011 event benefits the **Capitol School of Austin (CSA)**. CSA is a non-profit school with programs designed specifically for pre-school to third grade children with learning differences in the areas of speech and language. Among the great programs offered at CSA is a music therapy program that we would like to contribute to. CSA will provide half the funding for the year, leaving \$2,500 that needs to be raised. Think of how great it would be to know that you and I were part of giving a child the gift of music for an entire year! To see more on the school, you can visit their website at <http://www.capitolschool.com>. Sign-ups begin next week (in person or via email), Tuesday through Thursday, in the law classroom building. Look for our banner, the Legal Society for Musicians.

MILITARY LAW ASSOCIATION – LONG MILE 5K/10K RUN

St. Mary's University School of Law Military Law Association is hosting a **Long Mile 5k/10k Run** on **Saturday, March 5, 2011 at 9:00 a.m.** Free race t-shirt, drinks and refreshments on race day. Registration fee is \$25. Proceeds to benefit Fisher House. You may register four different ways; 1) online at www.active.com (additional fee assessed), 2) Military Law Association's TWEN site sign-up sheet, 3) on campus in the law classroom building and University Center, January 26 and February 9 or 4) on race day, but please show up no later than 8:30 a.m. Look for us on FACEBOOK. Registration after February 12, 2011 will delay t-shirt delivery on race day. This event is co-sponsored by Sister Grace Walle's Law Ministry.

WANT TO GO TO INNSBRUCK BUT DON'T HAVE THE MONEY?

Sarah Thompson Memorial Scholarship

St. Mary's law students who are **interested in attending Innsbruck** this summer are invited to apply for this scholarship. This scholarship was established by the family of Sarah Thompson who was a vocal fan of the Innsbruck program and encouraged all those around her to attend. Sarah was a second year law student at St. Mary's who was tragically killed. All applications are due to **Sr. Grace Walle by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, March 25, 2011.** Please submit either a hard copy to her office, LF 106, or by email to gwall@stmarytx.edu (please put Sarah Thompson Memorial Scholarship in the subject line). Scholarship recipients will be **announced by April 1, 2011** and the two winners will receive \$500 and \$1,000 respectively. Recipients are chosen by a committee based on writing ability and persuasiveness. Please pick up the application at one of the bulletin boards on campus, from Sr. Grace Walle or on the Innsbruck website.

Professor Flint Fund

The Professor Flint Fund was established by Professor Flint and Sr. Grace to assist St. Mary's law school students who wish to attend the Innsbruck program. Students who are interested in applying for the Professor Flint Fund should pick up an application from the bulletin boards on campus, Sr. Grace Walle or on the Innsbruck website. Applications must be submitted **to Sr. Grace prior to March 25, 2011.** Please submit either a hard copy to her office, LF 106, or by email to gwall@stmarytx.edu (please put Flint Fund in the subject line).

Emiliano Infante Segrera Scholarship

This scholarship is offered through the generous support of Mr. Emil R. Infante, Esq. LLM who is a 2000 graduate of St. Mary's University School of Law and a former attendee of the Innsbruck program. Students must be currently enrolled in St. Mary's University School of Law who are in good standing and eligible to attend the Innsbruck program. Students must submit a hard copy of their letter of application by **5:00 pm, May 1, 2011 to Prof. Gerald Reamey, LFB 226** or by placing it in his faculty mailbox in Raba. Students can pick up a hard copy of the scholarship from the bulletin boards on campus, Prof. Gerald Reamey or on the Innsbruck

website.

FIVE LAW STUDENTS ELIGIBLE FOR SCHOLARSHIP PASSES TO SEMINAR

Sterling Education Services, Inc. is a non-profit continuing education company that conducts seminars across the nation. We are holding the following seminars in Texas and we would like to offer **five law students free scholarship-passes** to each seminar. The students get a day-long overview of a particular aspect of the law, a seminar manual, and will also get an opportunity to network with practicing attorneys. This is a win-win situation.

- Landlord-Tenant Law in San Antonio on March 2, 2011
- Fundamentals of Employment Law in Amarillo on March 3, 2011

Visit online at www.sterlingeducation.com for information and details on this program, or call (715) 855-0495. (Do not register on the website.) **Students must register before the seminar via phone.** No walk-ins will be allowed. Only current law students may take advantage of these passes and **MUST** provide their student ID number or other proof of enrollment in order to register. For those students who wish to register, should call directly with the following information:

Information on the seminar which they are interested in attending:

Title:

City, ST:

Date:

Student Information:

Full Name:

Student ID# (required):

CC information*: (may be called-in if preferable, but must be provided to secure registration)

Phone Number:

Email Address:

Full Mailing Address:

School Name:

***Important Note:** Scholarship policy requires that recipients provide credit card information at the time of registration to secure their free pass. No charge will be made to the card unless the registrant fails to attend the program and does not notify us three business days in advance. If a scholarship registrant should fail to show up at the program or cancel as described above a \$50.00 no-show fee will be charged to the card provided. This policy has been instituted to avoid students securing a free pass and not choosing to use it while other students who would have like to have attended were told the free slots had been filled. Students will be thoroughly informed of this policy upon registration for the program. Thank you for your participation in this offer.

SCHOOL CALENDAR – “FOR PAWS”

St.MU School of Law SALDF is creating a **School Calendar** for the school year 2011 through 2012 to raise funds for “**For Paws**”. For Paws is the non-profit organization responsible for caring for the cats on St. Mary’s University’s campus. Please be part of the project by submitting a picture of your beloved pet (or you with your pet) to st.mu.law.saldf@gmail.com, post it on StMU School of Law facebook page or contact Melissa Lesniak at mlesniak@mail.stmarytx.edu to arrange alternate delivery of a picture. Please include your name, your pets name and email address so that we may contact you to let you know if your picture will be in the calendar. We cannot guarantee all pictures will be used, but we will do our best to try and include everyone. Please do not hesitate to include a brief (no more than 5 lines) story about your pet if you would like. St.MU School of Law will collect pictures today through February 14, 2011. If you have any questions please email Melissa Lesniak, St.MU School of Law SALDF President at mlesniak@mail.stmarytx.edu.

Calendars will be sold during the months of March and April for \$16.00 each. All proceeds of the calendars will go to “For Paws” for the care of the cats on St. Mary’s campus.

PRO BONO/COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM

The Pro Bono/Community Service Program has new clinics and new volunteer opportunities this spring. Check out the Pro Bono calendar for more information.

UPCOMING VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

- * February 1 - Ask-A-Lawyer Advice Clinic
 - * February 4 - Haven For Hope Warrants Clinic
 - * February 5 - VITA
- ...and many more.*

ON GOING PRO BONO OPPORTUNITY

The Director of Development and Marketing at the **St. Mary Magdalene Catholic School** is seeking current students to apply for the following volunteer positions: Database Developers, Event Leaders, and "Phonathon" Administrators. All these are part of a professional experience that will offer you real life working experience that can be used on your resume and pro bono or community service credit.

Interested students should apply directly by contacting:

Carlos Zaldivar, MSM
Development Director/Marketing
St. Mary Magdalene Catholic School
carlos@carloszaldivar.com
210-735-1381

NEW PRO BONO INFORMATION DESK HOURS

All current law students are encouraged to sign up and visit the **Pro Bono TWEN site** for more information on Pro Bono and Community Service volunteer opportunities that count towards achieving the Pro Bono and/or the Community Service Achievement Certificates. (Students who complete 50 hours of qualifying volunteer work are eligible to receive either/each certificate. See the TWEN site for more information.)

Students can also visit the Pro Bono/Community Service **Information Desk located in the Raba Building** lobby. The current RA will generally be available to answer questions and receive hours tracking forms this spring, Mondays from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. and Tuesdays from 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

For more information visit the Pro Bono TWEN site or contact the current Pro Bono Services Division Research Assistant, Cristina Zambrano, at StMarysProBono@gmail.com.

Thank you students for your time and service!

OFFICE OF CAREER SERVICES

Please RSVP in the Events Section of Symplicity under Workshops for ALL programs!

State Bar of Texas Law Student Division Legal Mentoring Program Lunch

Wednesday, February 2, 2011

12:00 -- 1:00 p.m.

Law Alumni Room

This program is geared toward students who are trying to pick a specialization path to follow. It will consist of 4 attorneys representing different areas of law. They will each speak on different topics including but not limited to: lifestyle, paperwork quantity, positive/negative aspects, amount of time in court, daily routine, type of client, how often they see the client face-to-face, amount and type of research, large or small staff, source of funding, background needed to practice law, other agencies depended on to complete their work, why they practice in their field, salary range possibilities, office atmosphere/hours, and other aspects of importance that students should know about practicing law in our area. The session will wrap-up with an open question and answer period. Lunch will be served.

Professional Development Series: Creating a Career Development Plan

Wednesday, February 9, 2011

12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

Law Alumni Room

It is never too early to think about your long term career goals. Setting up a career development plan can help you seek out jobs and internships that will lead you to the path you want to be on for your long term career. Come learn about how to develop your very own career development plan. Lunch will be served

Small and Solo Law Firm Interview Program and Networking Reception

Wednesday, February 16, 2011

3:00 – 5: 00 p.m. Interviews will be held in the study rooms nearest the Office of Career Services

5:00 – 6:00 p.m. Networking reception in the Law Alumni Room.

Small firms and solo practitioners seeking students to work for them will be here interviewing students. Please watch for information on this event through emails. Applications will be due in the end of January/beginning of February. Employers will select candidates for interviews and selected candidates will be notified by the Office of Career Services.

Military JAG Panel

Thursday, February 17, 2011

4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Law Alumni Room

This program will provide students with JAGs information and experiences from most branches of the military including the Army, Air Force, Marines, Navy and National Guard.

It will be co-sponsored by the Military Law Student Association and the Office of Career Services. Refreshments will be served.

AT&T SUMMER INTERNSHIP

Attention Class of 2013. Interested in working Dallas THIS summer? \$\$\$\$ Looking for that rare paid position... then keep reading \$\$\$\$ **AT&T's Legal Department** is hiring Class of 2013 students for their **summer internship** in Dallas. This is a full-time position that will last for 10 weeks. Don't wait apply TODAY! To apply log into the St. Mary's Symplicity at <https://law-stmarytx-csm.symplicity.com/students/> Go to the Job Bank tab. You should easily find the posting in the Job Bank. Upload your resume, writing sample and transcript and then apply on Symplicity. It is that easy! The **deadline to apply is February 11, 2011.**

GOING GREEN

Beginning with the Fall Semester 2011, the Office of Career Services is going green. You will be expected to **bring your own** cup for coffee. There will be a designated area in the Career Services Office where you **may leave your clean cup overnight** so you do not have to remember to bring one every day. In order to leave your cup, it must be clean with your name on it. Get a jump start on going green and bring your cup today. The Office of Career Services will not be responsible for washing your cup or lost items.

TEXAS BOARD OF LAW EXAMINERS – FILING DEADLINES

<u>Examination Dates</u>	<u>File No Earlier Than</u>	<u>Timely Postmark Deadline</u>	<u>Absolute Postmark Deadline</u>
February	June 30	August 30	October 30
July	November 30	January 30	March 30

FREE – DAILY NEWSPAPERS

The Sarita Kenedy East Law Library is now a member of the **Collegiate Readership Program** and will provide free copies of the *San Antonio Express News*, *USA Today* and the *New York Times*. Stop by and pick up your copy today.

SAFETY FIRST

As we begin the Spring semester, students are reminded to exercise safety on campus at all times. Last semester we had thefts to parked vehicles, in lockers, and some unattended items in the law library. **Please take measures to protect your personal belongings from theft.** Avoid car theft by not leaving your keys in the ignition, leaving windows rolled down, sunroofs open, leaving items such as laptops, phones or ipads in sight, or leaving your car unlocked. Please ensure that your locker has a working lock. Report any locker issues to SBA Treasurer, Joe O'Neill. Please do not leave any of your personal items, i.e. books, back-packs, briefcases, purses, unattended at any time. Please visit the St. Mary's Police Department website at <http://www.stmarytx.edu/police/?go=safe> to learn more safety tips.

WRITING COMPETITIONS, FELLOWSHIPS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

For a copy of detailed information regarding the below writing competitions and scholarships, please email Bebe Gonzales at bgonzales@stmarytx.edu.

The 2011 **Bert W. Levit** Essay Contest, sponsored by the ABA Standing Committee on Lawyers' Professional Liability and Long & Levit LLP for Law Students and Young Lawyers is now accepting entries. The winner will be awarded a prize of \$5,000. Postmark deadline for entries is **February 18, 2011**. For the essay contest hypothetical and rules, visit: <http://bit.ly/Levit2011>.

The **Cameron County Bar Association** is proud to announce the establishment of its Scholarship Fund. The Fund will award \$3,000 for financial assistance annually to each scholarship recipient. The applicant's financial need; personal, family, and educational background; personal statement; and participation in community service activities will be considered in selecting the recipients of the Cameron County Bar Association Scholarship. Application deadline is **March 11, 2011**. For more information and application please see <http://www.law.uh.edu/financialaid/cameron%20county.pdf>.

NEW – Zelle Hofmann is pleased to offer the **Diversity in Law Scholarship** from the National LGBT Bar Association. The Scholarship is designed to encourage and facilitate diverse students, as well as students with a proven interest in diversity-related issues, in pursuing the law as a profession. For additional information about Zelle Hofmann, please visit www.zelle.com. Applicants must be first-year law students enrolled full-time. Scholarship amount is \$30,000. Deadline to apply is **April 1, 2011**. To download application, please visit: http://lgbtbar.org/documents/Zelle_Hofmann_Voelbel_Mason_Scholarship_Application.doc

The **National Association of Chapter 13 Trustees** has established an annual student writing competition to encourage and reward original law student writing on issues concerning consumer bankruptcy and the law. Entrants should submit an essay, article, or comment on an issue concerning Chapter 13 of the Bankruptcy Code. The author of the first-place essay will receive a prize of \$1000 and the essay will be published in the NACTT Quarterly. Entries must be received by **April 30, 2011**.

Nightlight Christian Adoptions announce their fourth annual 2011 Embryo Law Essay Competition. The challenge will be to write a scholarly position paper in response to a problem presented regarding embryo donation/adoption. There is a total of \$5,000.00 in prize money. To register or for more information, please visit www.embryolaw.org. Deadline to enter is **Monday, March 7, 2011**.

Notre Dame Law School Smith-Doheny Legal Ethics Writing Competition Call For Papers. The competition is open to all law students. Entries should concern any issue within the general category of legal ethics. Entries must be original, unpublished work and must not exceed 50 pages, including notes. Coauthored essays may be submitted. Prize money is \$2,500. Entries must be received by 5:00 p.m., **Friday, April 29, 2011**. Submit Entries to: Smith-Doheny Legal Ethics Writing Competition, Notre Dame Law School, Notre Dame, Indiana 46556. For more information, please email sumption.1@nd.edu or go to www.nd.edu/~ndlaw/writing_competitions/smith_doheny.pdf

The College of Labor and Employment Lawyers and American Bar Association Section of Labor and Employment Law announces their annual law student writing competition. First place: \$1500, second place, \$1000 and third place is \$500. Competition rules are at www.laborandemploymentcollege.org. Articles must be submitted by 5:00 p.m. CDT, **May 15, 2011**.

The **International Association of Defense Counsel** invites you to participate in its 2011 Legal Writing Contest. First prize, \$2,000, second prize is \$1,000 and third prize is \$500. Deadline for articles is **May 20, 2011**. Contest rules, writing guidelines, and entry forms can be found at www.iadclaw.org.

Women Trial Lawyers Caucus of the American Association for Justice (AAJ) announces the Women for Justice Education Fund's 2011 Mike Eidson Scholarship. The Scholarship is awarded annually to a rising 3L (or rising 4L in a night program) female student who has demonstrated a commitment to a career as a trial lawyer, along with dedication to upholding and defending the principles of the Constitution, and to the concept of a fair trial, the adversary system, and a just result for the injured, the accused, and those whose rights are jeopardized. Application **deadline is May 31, 2011** and the Scholarship will be awarded at the AAJ Annual Convention, which will take place this year in July in New York City.

NEW – The **American College of Trust and Estate Counsel** Mary Moers Wenig 2011 Student Writing Competition. First prize \$5,000; second prize \$3,000; and third prize \$1,000. Complete rules and entry forms are available at www.actec.org. Deadline is **June 1, 2011**.

The **University of Connecticut Law School** announces their legal writing competition, now in its second year. Prizes include \$750 for the first-place winner, \$500 for the second-place winner, and \$250 for the third-place winner. The competition rules and intent to enter form are available online at <http://www.law.uconn.edu/node/9541>. Deadline to apply is **June 1, 2011**.

The **American Judges Association (AJA)** announces its Twenty-Third Annual Law Student Essay Competition. Essays submitted must be under the category of “Must a minor student be given his or her rights, including a *Miranda* warning and the right to have a parent present, before being questioned by police on school grounds.” First prize is \$3,000, second prize is \$1,500, and third prize is \$1,000. Entries must be postmarked no later than **June 1, 2011**. For more information, please see <http://aja.ncsc.dni.us>.

The **American Intellectual Property Law Association (AIPLA)** presents the 2011 Robert C. Watson competition. Award is \$2,000 to the author of best the article on a subject relating to the protection of intellectual property. Award will be presented during the 2011 AIPLA annual meeting in Washington DC. For more information, visit www.aipla.org. Deadline to enter is **June 30, 2011**.

The **Theodore Tannenwald, Jr. Foundation for Excellence in Tax Scholarship** and The American College of Tax Counsel are pleased to announce the 2011 Tannenwald Writing Competition. The subject may be on any federal or state tax topic. First prize is \$5,000; second prize is \$2,500; and third prize is \$1,500. For competition rules, please go to www.tannenwald.org. Entry deadline is **July 1, 2011**.

The **Legal Committee of the Southeastern Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies (SEAFWA)** announces its annual writing contest. Winning paper will be published at the SEAFWA Annual Conference October 22-26, 2011 in Nashville, Tennessee. Winner will receive up to \$1,000 to defray the cost of a trip to the conference to present the paper. Deadline to submit paper is **July 31, 2011**. For information on the SEAFWA please visit www.seafwa.org.

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By VMM

Submit articles to be published to Ms. Bebe Gonzales (bgonzales@stmarytx.edu) in electronic format by noon Thursday

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INNSBRUCK PROGRAM INFORMATIONAL MEETING

An Innsbruck Program informational meeting will be held on **Monday, February 7, 2011 from 12:00 to 12:50 p.m. in LC104**. Topics to be discussed include: travel to, from, and within Europe; social events and field trips for this year's program; financial aid and costs; and the visit of our Distinguished Visiting Jurist, Judge Andras Sajo of the European Court of Human Rights. Learn how you can earn credits this summer while studying with world-class faculty in the Austrian Alps. As a prior participant said, "Do whatever it takes, but just go!" **NOW, FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK AT** "St. Mary's Institute on World Legal Problems – Innsbruck Summer Program 2011." For more information, contact Prof. Geary Reamey or Prof. Mike Ariens.

THE FEDERALIST SOCIETY – THE WORLD ENDS!
How we're making a sucker's bet with the planet at stake!
By Professor John Kunich
February 8, 2011
12:00 – 2:00 p.m., Alumni Room

The Federalist Society is proud to announce its second speech of the new year by Professor John Kunich, entitled: "**Free Market Environmentalism.**" The speech will be from **12:00 – 2:00 p.m. in the Alumni Room on Tuesday, February 8, 2011**. Come by and enjoy some **FREE FOOD!**

Professor John Kunich is the author of seven books, including the new **BETTING THE EARTH: HOW WE CAN STILL WIN THE BIGGEST GAMBLE OF ALL TIME**. This book is the only one to be endorsed by Harvard, Duke, and Notre Dame professors, a United States Congressman, AND by famed poker pro Barry Greenstein. He is a graduate of Harvard Law School with an LLM in environmental law from George Washington University, to go with his Bachelor and Master of Science degrees in Biological Sciences from the University of Illinois. He served 20 years in Air Force JAG, including assignments at the Headquarters Air Force Environmental Law and Litigation Division and is the chief environmental attorney for U.S. and Air Force Space Command.

Professor Kunich recently served as a Fulbright Senior Specialist at the Indian Law Institute in New Delhi, India. He has twice testified before the United States Congress on environmental legal issues. He has been a guest on such television networks as Fox News, CNN, PBS, and MSNBC. In addition to his seven books, he has authored numerous law review articles that have been published in the journals of Georgetown, University of Southern California, Washington University, and many others.

The purpose of The St. Mary's Federalist Society Chapter is to foster critical thought and debate about the application of conservative principles to the law. The Chapter embraces the principle that the state exists to preserve freedom, that the separation of governmental powers is central to the integrity of the Constitution of the United States of America, and that it is emphatically the province and duty of the judiciary to say what the law is – not what it should be. The Chapter seeks both to promote an awareness of these principles and to further their application through its activities. This entails reordering priorities within the legal system so as to place a premium on

individual liberty, traditional values, and the rule of law. It also entails restoring recognition of these norms among lawyers, judges, law students, and professors.

TECHNOLOGY & IP LAW SOCIETY IS BACK

The **Technology & IP Law Society** has been revitalized at St. Mary's University School of Law. If you are interested in this area of the law and joining our organization it is strongly encouraged that you attend the first informational meeting on **Thursday, February 10, 2011, 5:00 p.m.**, in the **Alumni Room** of the Sarita Kenedy East Law Library. A membership roster will be created, officers will be voted on, and goals for the semester will be addressed along with plans for summer and fall activities. If you have additional questions please contact Zev Rudberg at wrudberg@gmail.com.

NEED A DATE FOR VALENTINE'S DAY?

Tired of dating the same ol' law students? Looking for a way to connect to other professional graduates in the San Antonio area? Join the UT Health Science Center Medical and Dental students on **Thursday, February 10, 2011** at this year's Valentine's Speed Dating event. Tickets are \$20 dollars at the door and light refreshments will be served. Profits will benefit various charities in San Antonio. **Event begins at 5:30 p.m. and will last until 8:00 p.m.** Come meet a future mate, or client, at this collaborative event. Student ID is required and R.S.V.P. is preferred but not necessary. If you are interested please send name, email, and phone number to sga@uthscsa.edu. Event will be held at the Parman Foyer on the UT Health Science Center campus located at **7703 Floyd Curl Drive**. GLBT community welcome.

THE SCHOLAR – 2011 SYMPOSIUM

The Scholar: St. Mary's Law Review on Minority Issues
presents its
2011 Symposium

“Minorities in Family Law: Family Law as an Agent of Social Change and Empowerment for Minorities in the 21st Century”

The Symposium will take place on **Friday February 11, 2011 at 8:30 a.m.** at the **Plaza Club** in the Frost Bank Building (100 W. Houston) in downtown San Antonio, Texas.

This year's Symposium will explore the role of family law as an agent of social change and equality for minorities. Historically, family law has rejected the traditional gender roles associated with marriage and favored a vision of family life grounded in principles of gender egalitarianism. Now, as we near the end of the first decade of the twenty-first century, family law has taken center stage in the national political platform, leading a wave of legal reform that favors our country's changing social needs which have sparked a revolution in areas such as same-sex marriage and reproductive technologies. As family law leads this revolution of social change, family law attorneys are increasingly becoming more active in their dual roles as both counselors and advocates. Our symposium will reflect how the typical model of a family lawyer as a

problem solver is effectively transforming into that of gladiators who are willing to take extreme adversarial positions, not only protecting the interests of their clients but ultimately acting as agents of social equality for minorities.

If interested in attending the Symposium, please **register at** <http://thescholarlawreview.eventbrite.com> or directly with our office at (210) 431-4229. For any additional questions, please contact Francisca at fperez1@stmarytx.edu or Emmanuel Garcia, Managing & Symposium Editor at emmanuel.gp100@gmail.com.

AT&T SUMMER INTERNSHIP

Attention Class of 2013. Interested in working Dallas THIS summer? \$\$\$\$ Looking for that rare paid position... then keep reading \$\$\$\$ **AT&T's Legal Department** is hiring Class of 2013 students for their **summer internship** in Dallas. This is a full-time position that will last for 10 weeks. Don't wait apply TODAY! To apply log into the St. Mary's Symplicity at <https://law-stmarytx-csm.symplicity.com/students/> Go to the Job Bank tab. You should easily find the posting in the Job Bank. Upload your resume, writing sample and transcript and then apply on Symplicity. It is that easy! The **deadline to apply is February 11, 2011**.

SPEAKER FOR THE INSTITUTE ON CHINESE LAW AND BUSINESS

Nathan P. Moore, Chief Legal Officer
Mary Kay, Inc.

Mr. Nathan P. Moore, J.D. '92, Chief Legal Counsel of Mary Kay, Inc. frequently travels to China for its Mary Kay operations. Mr. Moore will speak about the company's business in China and answer questions from students. All students, faculty and staff are invited to attend on **Monday, February 14, 2010, 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.** in the **Alumni Room** of the Sarita Kenedy East Law Library. Lunch will be provided.

THE ST. MARY'S LAW JOURNAL – 2011 SYMPOSIUM

The *St. Mary's Law Journal* hosts the Tenth Annual Symposium on Legal Malpractice & Ethics

6 CLE Ethics hours available

Date: Friday, February 18, 2011
Venue: The Plaza Club, 100 W. Houston, Suite 2100 San Antonio, Texas
Time: 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Register: Interested law students and faculty should send an email to lcauley@mail.stmarytx.edu or rhiggins@stmarytx.edu by February 11, 2011

The *St. Mary's Law Journal* invites the St. Mary's University School of Law students and faculty to attend the Tenth Annual Symposium on Legal Malpractice & Ethics. The program will address a variety of topics in the areas of ethics and legal malpractice, including professional responsibility in social media, ethics for prosecutors, and recent case law updates. Papers from the Symposium

will be published in the inaugural issue of *St. Mary's Journal on Legal Malpractice & Ethics*. Participants will receive 6 CLE ethics hours.

Symposium Topics and Speakers

Probing the Fundamental Assumptions and Redefining the Roles of Judges, Mediators and Lawyers in Mandatory Mediation

Tracy Walters McCormack is Director of Advocacy at the University of Texas School of Law. The co-author of a new book (*The First Trial: Where Do I Sit? What Do I Say?*), she recently published an article entitled "Honesty is the Best Policy: It's Time to Disclose a Lack of Jury Trial Experience."

Circular 230: New Rules that Govern Practice Before the IRS

C. John Muller is an associate at the law firm of Strasburger and Price in San Antonio, Texas. He represents small businesses in the areas of taxation and business litigation and provides general litigation services, advice on matters of organization and governance, and fiduciary duties and responsibilities.

Professional Responsibility for the Pro Se Attorney

Margaret Raymond is the William G. Hammond Professor of Law at the University of Iowa College of Law. She is the author of "The Law and Ethics of Law Practice" (West 2009), a casebook in professional responsibility, and is a frequent provider of continuing legal education in ethics.

How Should Lawyers Handle the Receipt of Possibly Privileged Information that Has Been Probably Unintentionally Disclosed?

James M. Fischer is Professor of Law at Southwestern Law School in Los Angeles, California. Professor Fischer served on the California State Bar Committees on Professional Responsibility and Conduct, Legal Malpractice Insurance, and the Administration of Justice.

Case Law Update

Justice Sandee Bryan Marion serves on the Fourth Court of Appeals where she has been since January 2002. Justice Marion served as Judge of Bexar County Probate Court No. 2 from 1992 until her appointment to the Fourth Court of Appeals. Justice Marion was named the 2008 Distinguished Graduate of St. Mary's University School of Law.

Legal Malpractice Experts and the Duty to Report Professional Misconduct

Vincent R. Johnson is Professor of Law at St. Mary's University where he teaches and writes in the areas of torts, professional responsibility, and legal malpractice. Professor Johnson's articles have been cited in more than 125 law reviews and numerous federal and state court decisions.

Practical Ethics for the Professional Prosecutor

Enrico B. Valdez is the Appellate Division Chief of the Bexar County District Attorney's Office. He has authored and co-authored several papers on various criminal law topics, including prosecutorial ethics and has been a speaker at programs sponsored by the State Bar of Texas, University of Texas School of Law, and The Texas Court of Criminal Appeals.

An Article We Wrote in the Future: A Look Back at Early 21st Century Views of Ethical Issues and Technology

David Hricik is Professor of Law at Mercer University School of Law in Macon, Georgia. He served as a member of the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct Committee of the State Bar of Texas and advised lawyers and law firms regarding ethical issues for nearly two decades. His blog, legaethics.com, follows ethical issues arising from technology.

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**ATTENTION BARBRI SHOPPERS
THE BLUELIGHT SPECIAL IS BACK**

Here is an opportunity to get your **BARBRI tuition** significantly discounted. Even if you have already paid in full, you are eligible for a refund. **APALSA and Law Ministry** are holding an **online auction** to buy a BARBRI gift certificate worth \$1400. Strategy is key. You want to bid high enough to out-bid your competition and win the bid, while still bidding low enough to maximize your potential savings. All bids must be higher than \$850 to be considered. Only one bid per student. The highest bidder will win the certificate. **All bids must be received by Friday, February 18, 2011.** Email your bid to Sister Grace Walle at gwall@stmarytx.edu. You will receive an email confirmation by 9:00 p.m., February 19, 2011 from Sister Grace informing you that your bid was received. The winner will be announced in the next issue of the *Witan*. Winner will need to deliver a check for the winning bid to Sister Grace no later than March 1, 2011, good only for Texas bar review. In the event of a tie, the earliest bid wins. Proceeds will benefit Law Ministry and the China Pioneer Scholarship Fund. You will receive an email confirmation by 9:00 p.m., February 19, 2011 from Sister Grace informing you that your bid was received. APALSA will announce the winner in the next issue of the *Witan*. Winner will need to deliver a check for the winning bid to Sister Grace no later than March 1, 2011. In the event of a tie, the earliest bid wins. Proceeds to benefit a scholarship fund for the China program.

**THE PRICE IS RIGHT – KAPLAN TUITION DISCOUNT
Savings up to \$200 to one lucky bidder**

APALSA and Law Ministry are accepting **online bids for a KAPLAN Discount Coupon** worth \$500 off a Complete Course Enrollment. The award may go to any 1L, 2L (or 3L as long as you have not paid your 3L -\$200 deposit to officially enroll in a course. Essentially, if you have paid for your course tuition, you are not eligible to bid and receive a refund. It also means, if you have merely placed your 1L/2L deposit to lock in your price, you may still bid.) Strategy is key. You want to bid high enough to out-bid your competition and win the bid, while still bidding low enough to maximize your potential savings. All bids must be higher than \$300 to be considered. Only one bid per student. The highest bidder will win the certificate. **All bids must be received by Friday, February 18, 2011.** Email your bid to Sister Grace Walle at

LAWLAPALOOZA IS BACK

Everyone is invited to the **third annual Lawlapalooza – February 18, 2011** at **Hemingway's Tavern**. It's our one night a year to show off our musical talents and act like rock stars – so if you sing or play an instrument, sign up! Don't be shy. We had a blast last year and are looking forward to this year's performance surprises. All types of acts are encouraged to sign up, whether you sing, play guitar, have a whole band, a one-man show, or even invented your own form of musical entertainment. You don't need a full set to play, if you have one song you want to perform, that's fine with us. **Come out and show us** how you rock out when no one's looking. It's going to be a great time.

Benefit information: LLP 2011 event benefits the **Capitol School of Austin (CSA)**. CSA is a non-profit school with programs designed specifically for pre-school to third grade children with learning differences in the areas of speech and language. Among the great programs offered at CSA is a music therapy program that we would like to contribute to. CSA will provide half the funding for the year, leaving \$2,500 that needs to be raised. Think of how great it would be to know that you and I were part of giving a child the gift of music for an entire year! To see more on the school, you can visit their website at <http://www.capitolschool.com>. Sign-ups begin next week (in person or via email), Tuesday through Thursday, in the law classroom building. Look for our banner, the Legal Society for Musicians.

THE 17TH ANNUAL PEOPLE'S LAW SCHOOL

The **17th Annual People's Law School** will take place on **Saturday, February 19, 2011** from **9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** in the **Law Classroom Building**. Qualified local attorneys will share their experience in a series of classes. The event is **OPEN TO THE PUBLIC** and **ADMISSION IS FREE**. **Volunteers are needed** to perform various tasks throughout the day. If you are interested, please go to the Pro Bono TWEN site for more detailed information.

STUDENT ANIMAL LEGAL DEFENSE FUND

St. Mary's University School of Law **Student Animal Legal Defense Fund (SALDF)** and **Law Ministry** are hosting a birthday party for Snickers, Robert Dittman's service dog. The birthday party will be held on **Friday, February 25, 2011** at **12:00 p.m.** in the **Atrium** of the Law Administration Building. A presentation about the laws that affect service animals will be given. Lunch and birthday cake will be served. Snickers will accept like tennis balls or donations to benefit the San Antonio Spay-Neuter Assistance Program.

FIVE LAW STUDENTS ELIGIBLE FOR SCHOLARSHIP PASSES TO SEMINAR

Sterling Education Services, Inc. is a non-profit continuing education company that conducts seminars across the nation. We are holding the following seminars in Texas and we would like to offer **five law students free scholarship-passes** to each seminar. The students get a day-long overview of a particular aspect of the law, a seminar manual, and will also get an opportunity to

network with practicing attorneys. This is a win-win situation.

- Landlord-Tenant Law in San Antonio on March 2, 2011
- Fundamentals of Employment Law in Amarillo on March 3, 2011

Visit online at www.sterlingeducation.com for information and details on this program, or call (715) 855-0495. (Do not register on the website.) **Students must register before the seminar via phone.** No walk-ins will be allowed. Only current law students may take advantage of these passes and **MUST** provide their student ID number or other proof of enrollment in order to register. For those students who wish to register, should call directly with the following information:

Information on the seminar which they are interested in attending:

Title:

City, ST:

Date:

Student Information:

Full Name:

Student ID# (required):

CC information*: (may be called-in if preferable, but must be provided to secure registration)

Phone Number:

Email Address:

Full Mailing Address:

School Name:

***Important Note:** Scholarship policy requires that recipients provide credit card information at the time of registration to secure their free pass. No charge will be made to the card unless the registrant fails to attend the program and does not notify us three business days in advance. If a scholarship registrant should fail to show up at the program or cancel as described above a \$50.00 no-show fee will be charged to the card provided. This policy has been instituted to avoid students securing a free pass and not choosing to use it while other students who would have like to have attended were told the free slots had been filled. Students will be thoroughly informed of this policy upon registration for the program. Thank you for your participation in this offer. **WANT TO GO TO INNSBRUCK BUT DON'T HAVE THE MONEY?**

MILITARY LAW ASSOCIATION – LONG MILE 5K/10K RUN

St. Mary's University School of Law **Military Law Association** is hosting a **Long Mile 5k/10k Run** on **Saturday, March 5, 2011 at 9:00 a.m.** Free race t-shirt, drinks and refreshments on race day. Registration fee is \$25. Proceeds to benefit Fisher House. You may register four different ways; 1) online at www.active.com (additional fee assessed), 2) Military Law Association's TWEN site sign-up sheet, 3) on campus in the law classroom building and

University Center, January 26 and February 9 or 4) on race day, but please show up no later than 8:30 a.m. Look for us on FACEBOOK. Registration after February 12, 2011 will delay t-shirt delivery on race day. This event is co-sponsored by Sister Grace Walle's Law Ministry.

5TH ANNUAL LAW ALUMNI OPEN

The **St. Mary's Student Bar Association** (SBA) will be hosting its much anticipated 5th Annual Law Alumni Open. This year's Law Open will be held on **Saturday, March 5, 2011** at the **Quarry Golf Club** with a **1:00 p.m. shotgun start**. Registration, lunch and warm-up will begin at 12:00 noon. After tremendous success last spring, the SBA aims to make the 5th annual tournament bigger and better than ever. In addition to tournament participation, players will receive lunch, dinner, drinks, gift bags, raffle prizes and live post-tournament entertainment into the evening. The SBA seeks your participation. Opportunities for participation range from sponsoring a hole, a contest, the drink cart, or simply coming out to enjoy a round of golf. Proceeds will benefit the Autism Treatment Center of Texas. For more information on the golf open, please visit the SBA website at <http://www.stmarytx.edu/law/> or contact Sean Caporaletti at scaporal@gmail.com.

RESERVE THE DATE – FOURTH COURT OF APPEALS

The **Fourth Court of Appeals** will be at St. Mary's School of Law on **Tuesday, March 8, 2011** to hear oral arguments followed by a luncheon in honor of Women's History Month. The luncheon is open to all faculty. Please reserve the date. More information will be forthcoming.

WANT TO GO TO INNSBRUCK BUT DON'T HAVE THE MONEY?

Sarah Thompson Memorial Scholarship

St. Mary's law students who are **interested in attending Innsbruck** this summer are invited to apply for this scholarship. This scholarship was established by the family of Sarah Thompson who was a vocal fan of the Innsbruck program and encouraged all those around her to attend. Sarah was a second year law student at St. Mary's who was tragically killed. All applications are due to **Sr. Grace Walle by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, March 25, 2011**. Please submit either a hard copy to her office, LF 106, or by email to gwall@stmarytx.edu (please type Sarah Thompson Memorial Scholarship in the subject line). Scholarship recipients will be **announced by April 1, 2011** and the two winners will receive \$500 and \$1,000 respectively. Recipients are chosen by a committee based on writing ability and persuasiveness. Please pick up the application at one of the bulletin boards on campus, from Sr. Grace Walle or on the Innsbruck website.

Professor Flint Fund

The Professor Flint Fund was established by Professor Flint and Sr. Grace to assist St. Mary's law school students who wish to attend the Innsbruck program. Students who are interested in applying for the Professor Flint Fund should pick up an application from the bulletin boards on campus, Sr. Grace Walle or on the Innsbruck website. Applications must be submitted

to Sr. Grace prior to March 25, 2011. Please submit either a hard copy to her office, LF 106, or by email to gwall@stmarytx.edu (please put Flint Fund in the subject line).

Emiliano Infante Segrera Scholarship

This scholarship is offered through the generous support of Mr. Emil R. Infante, Esq. LLM who is a 2000 graduate of St. Mary's University School of Law and a former attendee of the Innsbruck program. Students must be currently enrolled in St. Mary's University School of Law who are in good standing and eligible to attend the Innsbruck program. Students must submit a hard copy of their letter of application by **5:00 pm, May 1, 2011 to Prof. Gerald Reamey, LFB 226** or by placing it in his faculty mailbox in Raba. Students can pick up a hard copy of the scholarship from the bulletin boards on campus, Prof. Gerald Reamey or on the Innsbruck website.

"FOR PAWS" SCHOOL CALENDAR

St.MU School of Law SALDF is creating a **School Calendar** for the school year 2011-12 to raise funds for **"For Paws"**. For Paws is the non-profit organization responsible for caring for the cats on St. Mary's University's campus. Please be part of the project by submitting a picture of your beloved pet (or you with your pet) to st.mu.law.saldf@gmail.com, post it on StMU School of Law Facebook page or contact Melissa Lesniak at mlesniak@mail.stmarytx.edu to arrange alternate delivery of a picture. Please include your name, your pets name and email address so that we may contact you to let you know if your picture will be in the calendar. We cannot guarantee all pictures will be used, but we will do our best to try and include everyone. Please do not hesitate to include a brief (no more than 5 lines) story about your pet if you would like. St.MU School of Law will collect pictures today through February 14, 2011. If you have any questions please email Melissa Lesniak, St.MU School of Law SALDF President at mlesniak@mail.stmarytx.edu.

Calendars will be sold during the months of March and April for \$16.00 each. All proceeds will go to "For Paws" for the care of the cats on St. Mary's campus.

ON GOING PRO BONO OPPORTUNITY

The Director of Development and Marketing at the **St. Mary Magdalene Catholic School** is seeking current students to apply for the following volunteer positions: Database Developers, Event Leaders, and "Phonathon" Administrators. All these are part of a professional experience that will offer you real life working experience that can be used on your resume and pro bono or community service credit.

Interested students should apply directly by contacting:

Carlos Zaldivar, MSM, Development Director/Marketing
St. Mary Magdalene Catholic School
carlos@carloszaldivar.com
210-735-1381

NEW PRO BONO INFORMATION DESK HOURS

All current law students are encouraged to sign up and visit the **Pro Bono TWEN site** for more information on Pro Bono and Community Service volunteer opportunities that count towards achieving the Pro Bono and/or the Community Service Achievement Certificates. (Students who complete 50 hours of qualifying volunteer work are eligible to receive either/each certificate. See the TWEN site for more information.)

Students can also visit the Pro Bono/Community Service **Information Desk located in the Raba Building** lobby. The current RA will generally be available to answer questions and receive hours tracking forms this spring, Mondays from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. and Tuesdays from 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

For more information visit the Pro Bono TWEN site or contact the current Pro Bono Services Division Research Assistant, Cristina Zambrano, at StMarysProBono@gmail.com.

Thank you students for your time and service!

OFFICE OF CAREER SERVICES

Please RSVP in the Events Section of Symplicity under Workshops for ALL programs!

Professional Development Series: Creating a Career Development Plan

Wednesday, February 9, 2011

12:00 – 1:00 p.m., Law Alumni Room

It is never too early to think about your long term career goals. Setting up a career development plan can help you seek out jobs and internships that will lead you to the path you want to be on for your long term career. Come learn about how to develop your very own career development plan. Lunch will be served

Small and Solo Law Firm Interview Program and Networking Reception

Wednesday, February 16, 2011

3:00 – 5: 00 p.m. Interviews will be held in the study rooms nearest the Office of Career Services

5:00 – 6:00 p.m. Networking reception in the Law Alumni Room.

Small firms and solo practitioners seeking students to work for them will be here interviewing students. Please watch for information on this event through emails. Applications will be due in the end of January/beginning of February. Employers will select candidates for interviews and selected candidates will be notified by the Office of Career Services.

Military JAG Panel

Thursday, February 17, 2011

4:00 – 5:00 p.m., Law Alumni Room

This program will provide students with JAGs information and experiences from most branches of the military including the Army, Air Force, Marines, Navy and National Guard.

It will be co-sponsored by the Military Law Student Association and the Office of Career Services. Refreshments will be served.

TEXAS BOARD OF LAW EXAMINERS – FILING DEADLINES

<u>Examination Dates</u>	<u>File No Earlier Than</u>	<u>Timely Postmark Deadline</u>	<u>Absolute Postmark Deadline</u>
February	June 30	August 30	October 30
July	November 30	January 30	March 30

FOLLOW WHAT IS HAPPENING IN YOUR STUDENT BAR ASSOCIATION

Check out the Student Bar Association (SBA) on the St. Mary's Law website.
<http://www.stmarytx.edu/law/> --> Current Students --> Student Bar Association

Our most informative feature is a Universal Calendar. This calendar has all of the St. Mary's law events submitted to SBA. Please check it often.

Go to our SBA Facebook page (St. Mary's University - Student Bar Association) and “LIKE” our page or "Follow" us on Twitter (StMUSBA).

The SBA Outline Bank is available on SBA's TWEN site.

WRITING COMPETITIONS, FELLOWSHIPS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

For a copy of detailed information regarding the below writing competitions and scholarships, please email Bebe Gonzales at bgonzales@stmarytx.edu.

The 2011 **Bert W. Levit** Essay Contest, sponsored by the ABA Standing Committee on Lawyers’ Professional Liability and Long & Levit LLP for Law Students and Young Lawyers is now accepting entries. The winner will be awarded a prize of \$5,000. Postmark deadline for entries is **February 18, 2011**. For the essay contest hypothetical and rules, visit:
<http://bit.ly/Levit2011>.

NEW – The **Southeast/Southwest and Midwest People of Color** announce their 2011 Student Writing Competition. The topic is a cutting-edge legal/law and society issue related to the conference theme: The Role of the Law in Fostering Social, Political, and Economical Equality. First place, \$1,000 plus an all-expense paid trip to the Scholarship Conference at Nova Southeastern University of Law in Florida. Second place is \$500. Third place will receive a book on publishing. Deadline to apply is **February 28, 2011**.

The **Cameron County Bar Association** is proud to announce the establishment of its Scholarship Fund. The Fund will award \$3,000 for financial assistance annually to each scholarship recipient. The applicant’s financial need; personal, family, and educational background; personal statement; and participation in community service activities will be considered in selecting the recipients of the Cameron County Bar Association Scholarship. Application deadline is **March 11, 2011**. For more information and application please see <http://www.law.uh.edu/financialaid/cameron%20county.pdf>.

Zelle Hofmann is pleased to offer the **Diversity in Law Scholarship** from the National LGBT Bar Association. The Scholarship is designed to encourage and facilitate diverse students, as well as students with a proven interest in diversity-related issues, in pursuing the law as a profession. For additional information about Zelle Hofmann, please visit www.zelle.com. Applicants must be first-year law students enrolled full-time. Scholarship amount is \$30,000. Deadline to apply is **April 1, 2011**. To download application, please visit: http://lgbtbar.org/documents/Zelle_Hofmann_Voelbel_Mason_Scholarship_Application.doc

The **National Association of Chapter 13 Trustees** has established an annual student writing competition to encourage and reward original law student writing on issues concerning consumer bankruptcy and the law. Entrants should submit an essay, article, or comment on an issue concerning Chapter 13 of the Bankruptcy Code. The author of the first-place essay will receive a prize of \$1000 and the essay will be published in the NACTT Quarterly. Entries must be received by **April 30, 2011**.

Nightlight Christian Adoptions announce their fourth annual 2011 Embryo Law Essay Competition. The challenge will be to write a scholarly position paper in response to a problem presented regarding embryo donation/adoption. There is a total of \$5,000.00 in prize money. To register or for more information, please visit www.embryolaw.org. Deadline to enter is **Monday, March 7, 2011**.

Notre Dame Law School Smith-Doheny Legal Ethics Writing Competition Call For Papers. Entries should concern any issue within the general category of legal ethics. Entries must be original, unpublished work and must not exceed 50 pages, including notes. Coauthored essays may be submitted. Prize money is \$2,500. Entries must be received by 5:00 p.m., **Friday, April 29, 2011**. Submit Entries to: Smith-Doheny Legal Ethics Writing Competition, Notre Dame Law School, Notre Dame, Indiana 46556. For more information, please email sumption.1@nd.edu or go to www.nd.edu/~ndlaw/writing_competitions/smith_doheny.pdf

The College of Labor and Employment Lawyers and American Bar Association Section of Labor and Employment Law announces their annual law student writing competition. First place: \$1500, second place, \$1000 and third place is \$500. Competition rules are at www.laborandemploymentcollege.org. Articles must be submitted by 5:00 p.m. CDT, **May 15, 2011**.

The **International Association of Defense Counsel** invites you to participate in its 2011 Legal Writing Contest. First prize, \$2,000, second prize is \$1,000 and third prize is \$500. Deadline for articles is **May 20, 2011**. Contest rules, writing guidelines, and entry forms can be found at www.iadclaw.org.

Women Trial Lawyers Caucus of the American Association for Justice (AAJ) announces the Women for Justice Education Fund's 2011 Mike Eidson Scholarship. The Scholarship is awarded annually to a rising 3L (or rising 4L in a night program) female student who has demonstrated a commitment to a career as a trial lawyer, along with dedication to upholding and defending the principles of the Constitution, and to the concept of a fair trial, the adversary system, and a just result for the injured, the accused, and those whose rights are jeopardized. Application **deadline is May 31, 2011**.

The **American College of Trust and Estate Counsel** Mary Moers Wenig 2011 Student Writing Competition. First prize \$5,000; second prize \$3,000; and third prize \$1,000. Complete rules and entry forms are available at www.actec.org. Deadline is **June 1, 2011**.

The **University of Connecticut Law School** announces their legal writing competition, now in its second year. Prizes include \$750 for the first-place winner, \$500 for the second-place winner, and \$250 for the third-place winner. The competition rules and intent to enter form are available online at <http://www.law.uconn.edu/node/9541>. Deadline to apply is **June 1, 2011**.

The **American Judges Association** (AJA) announces its Twenty-Third Annual Law Student Essay Competition. Essays submitted must be under the category of “Must a minor student be given his or her rights, including a *Miranda* warning and the right to have a parent present, before being questioned by police on school grounds.” First prize is \$3,000, second prize is \$1,500, and third prize is \$1,000. Entries must be postmarked no later than **June 1, 2011**. For more information, please see <http://aja.ncsc.dni.us>.

The **American Intellectual Property Law Association** (AIPLA) presents the 2011 Robert C. Watson competition. Award is \$2,000 to the author of best the article on a subject relating to the protection of intellectual property. Award will be presented during the 2011 AIPLA annual meeting in Washington DC. For more information, visit www.aipla.org. Deadline to enter is **June 30, 2011**.

The Theodore Tannenwald, Jr. Foundation for Excellence in Tax Scholarship and The American College of Tax Counsel are pleased to announce the 2011 Tannenwald Writing Competition. The subject may be on any federal or state tax topic. First prize is \$5,000; second prize is \$2,500; and third prize is \$1,500. For competition rules, please go to www.tannenwald.org. Entry deadline is **July 1, 2011**.

The **Legal Committee of the Southeastern Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies** (SEAFWA) announces its annual writing contest. Winning paper will be published at the SEAFWA Annual Conference October 22-26, 2011 in Nashville, Tennessee. Winner will receive up to \$1,000 to defray the cost of a trip to the conference to present the paper. Deadline to submit paper is **July 31, 2011**. For information on the SEAFWA please visit www.seafwa.org.

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BLSA MOCK TRIAL TEAM IS A FINALIST

St. Mary's entered a team in the Rocky Mountain Region BLSA Mock Trial Competition, held here in San Antonio this past weekend. The team consisted of Brian Cromeens, Christian Johnson, Lauren Cadilac, and Heather Marcus, and was coached by Adjunct Professor Darryl Harris. The team advanced to the final round, but lost to Thurgood Marshal School of Law. Brian Cromeens was named "Best Oral Advocate" for the competition. Because the team placed second in the regional competition, it advanced to the national competition to be held in Houston, in March. Please join us in congratulating our mock trial team and Professor Harris for their hard work and outstanding performance. Good luck at nationals!

BLSA MOOT COURT TEAM PLACES THIRD

This past weekend, St. Mary's competed in the 2011 Frederick Douglass Moot Court competition in the Rocky Mountain Region BLSA competition. Our team, consisting of Lynette Boggs and Natalee Marion, and coached by Adjunct Professor Ricky Poole, competed through the semi-final round in that competition. In placing third, the team competed against teams from Texas, Oklahoma, Utah, New Mexico, Utah, Idaho, and Montana. Because of its top 3 placement, the team will represent St. Mary's in the nationals that will take place in March in Houston. The moot court problem is about the Military Commissions Act of 2009. Please join us in congratulating Professor Poole and the team for their hard work and their advancement to the nationals.

ST. MARY'S LAW JOURNAL RECOGNIZES DISTINGUISHED COMMENTS

The Editorial Board of the *St. Mary's Law Journal* is proud to recognize the following distinguished Comments:

PUBLICATION

Shifting the Burden of Proof on Causation in Legal Malpractice Actions
—Jeffrie D. Boysen

Limiting the Foreclosure Power of Texas HOAs with a Percentage Threshold
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Expanding Protective Orders to Include Third Parties to Family or Dating Violence
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Inheritance Rights of Posthumously Conceived Children in Texas
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A Shift in Power: Why Increased Urban Drilling Necessitates a Change in Regulatory Authority
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CREDIT WITH HONORS

*Due Process and Local Administrative Hearings Regulating Public Nuisances:
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*Drilling for Federalism: Questioning the Legality of the Deepwater Drilling
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*In-House But out in the Cold: A Comparison of the Attorney-Client Privilege in the
United States and European Union*

—Andrew R. Nash

Please join us in congratulating these Staff Writers for their excellent work!

THE OIL, GAS AND ENERGY RESOURCES LAW SOCIETY

The **Oil, Gas and Energy Resources Law Society** was recently approved and is actively looking for new members. The Society's mission is to educate students about oil, gas and energy resources law issues and to create a forum for students to network with attorneys and law firms that work in each field.

If you are interested in joining or learning more about the Society please contact John Schulte at schulteiii@gmail.com or Parks Brown at parksbrown@hotmail.com.

SPEAKER FOR THE INSTITUTE ON CHINESE LAW AND BUSINESS

**Nathan P. Moore, Chief Legal Officer
Mary Kay, Inc.**

Mr. Nathan P. Moore, J.D. '92, Chief Legal Counsel of Mary Kay, Inc. frequently travels to China for its Mary Kay operations. Mr. Moore will speak about the company's business in China and answer questions from students. All students, faculty and staff are invited to attend on **Monday, February 14, 2010, 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.** in the **Alumni Room** of the Sarita Kenedy East Law Library. Lunch will be provided.

MANDATORY MEETING – ALTERNATIVE SPRING BREAK

A **mandatory informational/registration meeting** for the **Alternative Spring Break** program will be held on **Tuesday, February 15, 2011 at 12:00 or 4:30 p.m. in the Raba Lobby**. Please plan to attend either meeting to learn more about and register for our Alternative Spring Break Service Trips to **McAllen, Texas** and **New Orleans, Louisiana**. Information about the worksite, housing, transportation, liability forms and registration will be available. If you are planning to attend a trip, you must attend the meeting or contact Sister Grace at gwall@stmarytx.edu or (210) 436-3063.

2011 PUTTIN' ON THE WRITZ

This year's Puttin' On The Writz production of "The Wizard of Lawz" is in the works! We are looking for all of those willing to help out to come to an information session on **Tuesday, February 15, 2011 at 5:00 p.m. in LC101**. Anyone who is interested in being an actor or production aid is encouraged to attend! If you have any questions prior to the meeting, please email Caylin Wenzel at caylin.wenzel@gmail.com

WOMEN'S LAW ASSOCIATION FEBRUARY GENERAL MEETING

Please join the **Women's Law Association (WLA)** for their **February General Meeting** as WLA presents an informational panel of student speakers representing multiple organizations and teams on campus. The meeting will be held on **Wednesday, February 16, 2011** from 12:00 – 1:00 p.m., in the Alumni Room and 5:00 – 6:00 p.m. in the Atrium. Meals will be provided for members.

SPEAKER – BUREAU CHIEF OF THE CONVICTION INTEGRITY UNIT

For the Dallas District Attorney's Office

St. Mary's University School of Law will host **Mr. Michael Ware**, Bureau Chief of the Conviction Integrity Unit for the Dallas District Attorney's office on **Wednesday, February 16, 2011 from 2:00 – 5:45 p.m. in LC101**. He is well known for the numerous exonerations out of Dallas County and being part of the Actual Innocence Movement. **All students are welcome guests to Prof. Angela Moore's class** where Mr. Ware is a featured guest speaker.

Mike Ware lives in Fort Worth, Texas. Mr. Ware graduated with honors from the University of Texas with a degree in Philosophy. He graduated from the University of Houston Law School in 1983, where he was Research Editor for the *Houston Law Review* and the Houston Law Review's, Texas Rules of Evidence Handbook. He was a law clerk for United States District Judge David O. Belew, Jr. in Fort Worth, Texas from 1983-1984. In 1984, Ware began private practice, primarily in criminal defense. His practice included the representation of police officers in criminal, civil, and administrative matters as well as whistle-blower claims. He became board certified in criminal law in 1990. His criminal defense practice involved pre-charge investigations, grand jury proceedings, trials, direct appeals, and other post-conviction proceedings in both State and Federal Courts throughout the United States. Mr. Ware was a faculty member at the Criminal Trial Advocacy Institute in Huntsville, Texas from 1993-1996, and has an AV rating from Martindale-Hubbell. He was also selected in 2001 by the Best Lawyers in America to be included in the "Best Lawyers Consumer Guide." From 2003-2007, Mr. Ware has been voted by his peers as a Texas Super Lawyer. In 2006 until May of 2007, Mr. Ware was an Adjunct Professor at Texas Wesleyan Law School with the Wesleyan Innocence Project and on the board of directors of the Innocence Project of Texas. Since July 2007, Ware has been the Special Fields Bureau Chief for the Dallas County District Attorney's office which includes the newly formed Conviction Integrity Division.

**THE FEDERALIST SOCIETY
FEDERAL ELECTIONS: PROBLEMS AND FIXES
by Professor Cameron Quinn
February 17, 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. in the Alumni Room**

The Federalist Society is proud to announce its third speech of the new year by Professor Cameron Quinn, entitled: "**Federal Elections: Problems and Fixes.**" The speech will be held from 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. in the Alumni Room on Thursday, February 17, 2011. Come by and enjoy some **Lisa's Mexican Food!** Ms. Quinn is an Adjunct Professor at George Mason University School of Law, a former Chief State Election Official from Virginia, US Elections Advisor for the International Foundation for Electoral Systems, and Special Counsel for Voting Matters at USDOJ. She has advised legislators and election officials on elections matters in dozens of states and around the globe.

The purpose of The St. Mary's Federalist Society Chapter is to foster critical thought and debate about the application of conservative principles to the law. The Chapter embraces the principle that the state exists to preserve freedom, that the separation of governmental powers is central to the integrity of the Constitution of the United States of America, and that it is emphatically the province and duty of the judiciary to say what the law is – not what it should be. The Chapter seeks both to promote an awareness of these principles and to further their application through its activities. This entails reordering priorities within the legal system so as to place a premium on individual liberty, traditional values, and the rule of law. It also entails restoring recognition of these norms among lawyers, judges, law students, and professors.

THE ST. MARY'S LAW JOURNAL – 2011 SYMPOSIUM

**The St. Mary's Law Journal hosts the Tenth Annual Symposium on
Legal Malpractice & Ethics**

6 CLE Ethics hours available

Date: Friday, February 18, 2011
Venue: The Plaza Club, 100 W. Houston, Suite 2100 San Antonio, Texas
Time: 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Register: Interested law students and faculty should send an email to lcauley@mail.stmarytx.edu or rhiggins@stmarytx.edu by February 11, 2011

The *St. Mary's Law Journal* invites the St. Mary's University School of Law students and faculty to attend the Tenth Annual Symposium on Legal Malpractice & Ethics. The program will address a variety of topics in the areas of ethics and legal malpractice, including professional responsibility in social media, ethics for prosecutors, and recent case law updates. Papers from the Symposium will be published in the inaugural issue of *St. Mary's Journal on Legal Malpractice & Ethics*. Participants will receive 6 CLE ethics hours.

Symposium Topics and Speakers

Probing the Fundamental Assumptions and Redefining the Roles of Judges, Mediators and Lawyers in Mandatory Mediation

Tracy Walters McCormack is Director of Advocacy at the University of Texas School of Law. The co-author of a new book (*The First Trial: Where Do I Sit? What Do I Say?*), she recently published an article entitled “Honesty is the Best Policy: It’s Time to Disclose a Lack of Jury Trial Experience.”

Circular 230: New Rules that Govern Practice Before the IRS

C. John Muller is an associate at the law firm of Strasburger and Price in San Antonio, Texas. He represents small businesses in the areas of taxation and business litigation and provides general litigation services, advice on matters of organization and governance, and fiduciary duties and responsibilities.

Professional Responsibility for the Pro Se Attorney

Margaret Raymond is the William G. Hammond Professor of Law at the University of Iowa College of Law. She is the author of “The Law and Ethics of Law Practice” (West 2009), a casebook in professional responsibility, and is a frequent provider of continuing legal education in ethics.

How Should Lawyers Handle the Receipt of Possibly Privileged Information that Has Been Probably Unintentionally Disclosed?

James M. Fischer is Professor of Law at Southwestern Law School in Los Angeles, California. Professor Fischer served on the California State Bar Committees on Professional Responsibility and Conduct, Legal Malpractice Insurance, and the Administration of Justice.

Case Law Update

Justice Sandee Bryan Marion serves on the Fourth Court of Appeals where she has been since January 2002. Justice Marion served as Judge of Bexar County Probate Court No. 2 from 1992 until her appointment to the Fourth Court of Appeals. Justice Marion was named the 2008 Distinguished Graduate of St. Mary’s University School of Law.

Legal Malpractice Experts and the Duty to Report Professional Misconduct

Vincent R. Johnson is Professor of Law at St. Mary’s University where he teaches and writes in the areas of torts, professional responsibility, and legal malpractice. Professor Johnson’s articles have been cited in more than 125 law reviews and numerous federal and state court decisions.

Practical Ethics for the Professional Prosecutor

Enrico B. Valdez is the Appellate Division Chief of the Bexar County District Attorney’s Office. He has authored and co-authored several papers on various criminal law topics, including prosecutorial ethics and has been a speaker at programs sponsored by the State Bar of Texas, University of Texas School of Law, and The Texas Court of Criminal Appeals.

An Article We Wrote in the Future: A Look Back at Early 21st Century Views of Ethical Issues and Technology

David Hricik is Professor of Law at Mercer University School of Law in Macon, Georgia. He served as a member of the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct Committee of the

State Bar of Texas and advised lawyers and law firms regarding ethical issues for nearly two decades. His blog, legalethics.com, follows ethical issues arising from technology.

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**ATTENTION BARBRI SHOPPERS
THE BLUELIGHT SPECIAL IS BACK**

Here is an opportunity to get your **BARBRI tuition** significantly discounted. Even if you have already paid in full, you are eligible for a refund. **APALSA and Law Ministry** are holding an **online auction** to buy a BARBRI gift certificate worth \$1400. Strategy is key. You want to bid high enough to out-bid your competition and win the bid, while still bidding low enough to maximize your potential savings. All bids must be higher than \$850 to be considered. Only one bid per student. The highest bidder will win the certificate. **All bids must be received by Friday, February 18, 2011.** Email your bid to Sister Grace Walle at gwall@stmarytx.edu. You will receive an email confirmation by 9:00 p.m., February 19, 2011 from Sister Grace informing you that your bid was received. The winner will be announced in the next issue of the *Witan*. Winner will need to deliver a check for the winning bid to Sister Grace no later than March 1, 2011, good only for Texas bar review. In the event of a tie, the earliest bid wins. Proceeds will benefit Law Ministry and the China Pioneer Scholarship Fund. You will receive an email confirmation by 9:00 p.m., February 19, 2011 from Sister Grace informing you that your bid was received. APALSA will announce the winner in the next issue of the *Witan*. Winner will need to deliver a check for the winning bid to Sister Grace no later than March 1, 2011. In the event of a tie, the earliest bid wins. Proceeds to benefit a scholarship fund for the China program.

**THE PRICE IS RIGHT – KAPLAN TUITION DISCOUNT
Savings up to \$200 to one lucky bidder**

APALSA and Law Ministry are accepting **online bids for a KAPLAN Discount Coupon** worth \$500 off a Complete Course Enrollment. The award may go to any 1L, 2L (or 3L as long as you have not paid your 3L -\$200 deposit to officially enroll in a course. Essentially, if you have paid for your course tuition, you are not eligible to bid and receive a refund. It also means, if you have merely placed your 1L/2L deposit to lock in your price, you may still bid.) Strategy is key. You want to bid high enough to out-bid your competition and win the bid, while still bidding low enough to maximize your potential savings. All bids must be higher than \$300 to be considered. Only one bid per student. The highest bidder will win the certificate. **All bids must be received by Friday, February 18, 2011.** Email your bid to Sister Grace Walle at gwall@stmarytx.edu.

LAWYERS FOR TEXAS VETERANS

Lawyers for Texas Veterans is a State Bar of Texas program to develop and assist pro

bono legal clinics throughout the state for military veterans who otherwise cannot afford or do not have access to the legal services they need. The next clinic will be held from **2:00 – 4:00 p.m. at the Audie Murphy Veterans Hospital (7400 Merton Minter St) on February 18, 2011**. The intent is to hold monthly clinics through November 2011. They are looking for law students to serve as witnesses for wills and other tasks. Volunteers should sign up on the Pro Bono web site “sign up” sheet for CJP Veterans Clinic. Volunteers are also encouraged to bring their Pro Bono forms to the clinic to be signed. Questions? Email Cristina Zambrano at StMarysProBono@gmail.com or Ann Marie Matonak at ammatonak@gmail.com. For veterans needing services: call (210) 212-3740 or (210) 212-3718 (appointment needed).

LAWLAPALOOZA IS BACK

Everyone is invited to the **third annual Lawlapalooza – February 18, 2011 at Hemingway's Tavern**. It's our one night a year to show off our musical talents and act like rock stars – so if you sing or play an instrument, sign up! Don't be shy. We had a blast last year and are looking forward to this year's performance surprises. All types of acts are encouraged to sign up, whether you sing, play guitar, have a whole band, a one-man show, or even invented your own form of musical entertainment. You don't need a full set to play, if you have one song you want to perform, that's fine with us. **Come out and show us** how you rock out when no one's looking. It's going to be a great time.

Benefit information: LLP 2011 event benefits the **Capitol School of Austin (CSA)**. CSA is a non-profit school with programs designed specifically for pre-school to third grade children with learning differences in the areas of speech and language. Among the great programs offered at CSA is a music therapy program that we would like to contribute to. CSA will provide half the funding for the year, leaving \$2,500 that needs to be raised. Think of how great it would be to know that you and I were part of giving a child the gift of music for an entire year! To see more on the school, you can visit their website at <http://www.capitolschool.com>. Sign-ups begin next week (in person or via email), Tuesday through Thursday, in the law classroom building. Look for our banner, the Legal Society for Musicians.

THE 17TH ANNUAL PEOPLE'S LAW SCHOOL

The **17th Annual People's Law School**, presented by the San Antonio Bar Foundation and St. Mary's University School of Law, will take place on **Saturday, February 19, 2011, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** in the **law classroom building**. The event is **FREE** and open to the public. Come and learn about various legal practice areas. Classes have been arranged into three tracks—Elder Law, Family Law, and Business Law. Qualified local attorneys will discuss:

9:00 a.m. – Living Wills & Powers of Attorney, Family Law, Bankruptcy Law & Foreclosures
10:00 a.m. – Social Security Disability & Social Security, Protective Orders, Employment Law
11:00 a.m. – Wills, Child Support, Custody & Visitation, Immigration Law
12:00 p.m. – Managing Your Money, Guardianship, Auto Accidents & Injury Lawsuits

For more information, please contact Jennie Badger, San Antonio Bar Foundation at (210) 227-8822, ext. 25 or email jennib@sabar.org. You may also visit the Pro Bono TWEN site.

FEDERAL COURT JUDICIAL INTERNSHIPS IN SAN ANTONIO

Semesters: Summer 2011, Fall 2011, and Spring 2012

Deadline: 4:00 p.m. Wednesday, February 23, 2011

Applications are now being accepted for pre-graduation judicial internships with five federal judges who have chambers in San Antonio. This is the only time that applications will be solicited for internships with these courts during the next three semesters. *Successful candidates typically have a strong academic record.*

Eligibility of Full-Time and Part-Time Students: Students may apply for any internship that will commence in a semester after the student has completed 31 hours of course work. Thus, a first-year, full-time student may apply for an internship that will take place in the summer between first and second year, or during any subsequent semester. A first-year, part-time student may applying for a judicial internship that commences in spring of the student's second year or later.

The United States Court of Appeals

There are two different internships available with judges on the Fifth Circuit. One is a four-credit, graded internship; the other is a two-credit pass/fail internship.

The Honorable Emilio M. Garza, a Judge on the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit, will offer four-credit graded internship positions to two students during each semester.

The Honorable Edward C. Prado, a Judge on the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit, will offer two-credit pass/fail internship positions to one student during each semester.

The United States District Court

At the United States District Court for the Western District of Texas, two or three positions will be available each semester with the Honorable Xavier Rodriguez during each semester. United States District Court interns are required to work 120 hours during the semester at the federal courthouse at Hemisfair Plaza in downtown San Antonio. Interns will earn two pass/fail credits.

The United States Magistrate Court

At the United States Magistrate Court, one internship with the Honorable Pamela Mathy is available during each semester. In addition, one internship position is available with the Honorable Nancy Stein Nowak in the summer semester.

Applications

Interested students should submit an application to Professor Vincent R. Johnson. Please

give your application materials to Ms. Maribel Garcia on the second floor of the Raba Law Faculty Building. Questions can be directed to Professor Johnson at: vjohnson@stmarytx.edu.

An application should include:

(1) One federal court internship form, available from Ms. Maribel Garcia or on the law school website. The form asks a student to indicate which judges the student would like to be considered by and which semesters the student is available to serve in an internship. You only need to submit one form, regardless of the number of judges for which you are submitting applications

(2) For each judge by whom a candidate would like to be considered:

- One resume, including cumulative GPA and current class rank;
- One cover letter in business-letter format (date; return address, judge's address, proper salutation (e.g., Dear Judge Garza). In terms of tone, the letter should be restrained, professional, factual, and confident.
- Please staple the cover letter to the front of the resume. Please do not use special folders or bindings; they will be removed before the applications are sent to the judges.

(3) Applicants for a U.S. Court of Appeals internship with Judge Emilio Garza should, if possible, furnish one writing sample (*e.g.*, a Legal Writing memo or brief, a copy of an exam essay, a law journal comment, etc.). Writing samples should not be included for the other courts.

STUDENT ANIMAL LEGAL DEFENSE FUND

St. Mary's University School of Law **Student Animal Legal Defense Fund** (SALDF) and **Law Ministry** are hosting a birthday party for Snickers, Robert Dittman's service dog. The birthday party will be held on **Friday, February 25, 2011** at **12:00 p.m.** in the **Atrium** of the Law Administration Building. A presentation about the laws that affect service animals will be given. Lunch and birthday cake will be served. Snickers will accept like tennis balls or donations to benefit the San Antonio Spay-Neuter Assistance Program.

JUSTICE ALMA L. LOPEZ – WOMAN IN LAW STUDENT LEADERSHIP AWARD

Nominations are now being accepted for the **Justice Alma L. Lopez Woman in Law Student Leadership Award**. Faculty, staff, students, or student organizations may make nominations. Included should be a letter of support identifying how the nominee fulfills the following criteria for the Leadership award:

- Mentors other law students, teens, or children during their academic career or in previous employment

- Encourages law students to participate in the University and Law School organizations and support the community through participation in law school events
- Demonstrates a commitment to public service especially through involvement in pro bono activities in the community or at the law school
- Develops or supports programs that help law students achieve success
- Provides advocacy on behalf of low income women or battered and abused woman and children
- Maintains honor, integrity, and personal authenticity in educational pursuits, personal life, and career goals
- Demonstrates academic accomplishments and personal financial need
- Students nominated must submit a resume

The award recipient will be honored at the Women's History Month celebration at the Law School on March 8, 2011. Please submit nominations to Sister Grace Walle in the Law Ministry Office or email to gwall@stmarytx.edu no later than **Friday, February 25, 2011**.

FIVE LAW STUDENTS ELIGIBLE FOR SCHOLARSHIP PASSES TO SEMINAR

Sterling Education Services, Inc. is a non-profit continuing education company that conducts seminars across the nation. We are holding the following seminars in Texas and we would like to offer **five law students free scholarship-passes** to each seminar. The students get a day-long overview of a particular aspect of the law, a seminar manual, and will also get an opportunity to network with practicing attorneys. This is a win-win situation.

- Landlord-Tenant Law in San Antonio on March 2, 2011
- Fundamentals of Employment Law in Amarillo on March 3, 2011

Visit online at www.sterlingeducation.com for information and details on this program, or call (715) 855-0495. (Do not register on the website.) **Students must register before the seminar via phone.** No walk-ins will be allowed. Only current law students may take advantage of these passes and **MUST** provide their student ID number or other proof of enrollment in order to register.

MILITARY LAW ASSOCIATION – LONG MILE 5K/10K RUN

St. Mary's University School of Law **Military Law Association** is hosting a **Long Mile 5k/10k Run** on **Saturday, March 5, 2011 at 9:00 a.m.** Free race t-shirt, drinks and refreshments on race day. Registration fee is \$25. Proceeds to benefit Fisher House. You may register four different ways; 1) online at www.active.com (additional fee assessed), 2) Military Law Association's TWEN site sign-up sheet, 3) on campus in the law classroom building and University Center, January 26 and February 9 or 4) on race day, but please show up no later than 8:30 a.m. Look for us on FACEBOOK. Registration after February 12, 2011 will delay t-shirt delivery on race day. This event is co-sponsored by Sister Grace Walle's Law Ministry.

5TH ANNUAL LAW ALUMNI OPEN

The **St. Mary's Student Bar Association** (SBA) will be hosting its much anticipated 5th Annual Law Alumni Open. This year's Law Open will be held on **Saturday, March 5, 2011** at the **Quarry Golf Club** with a **1:00 p.m. shotgun start**. Registration, lunch and warm-up will begin at 12:00 noon. After tremendous success last spring, the SBA aims to make the 5th annual tournament bigger and better than ever. In addition to tournament participation, players will receive lunch, dinner, drinks, gift bags, raffle prizes and live post-tournament entertainment into the evening. The SBA seeks your participation. Opportunities for participation range from sponsoring a hole, a contest, the drink cart, or simply coming out to enjoy a round of golf. Proceeds will benefit the Autism Treatment Center of Texas. For more information on the golf open, please visit the SBA website at <http://www.stmarytx.edu/law/> or contact Sean Caporaletti at scaporal@gmail.com.

FOURTH COURT OF APPEALS TO HEAR ORAL ARGUMENTS

The **Fourth Court of Appeals** is scheduled to be at St. Mary's University School of Law on **Tuesday, March 8, 2011, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.** to hear oral arguments. All students, faculty and staff are invited.

SET FOR ORAL ARGUMENT AT ST. MARY'S

March 8, 2011 at 9:00 a.m.

CASE SUMMARY:

No. 04-10-00388-CV

Salinas, et al. v. Briggs Ranches, et al.

This case arises out of a fatal drunk driving accident that occurred on Briggs Ranches' premises after work hours. The driver in the accident was employed by Briggs Ranches. The main legal issue is whether, under the facts of this case, the employer is liable for the negligent acts of its off-duty employee which were committed on the employer's premises? The jury found that Briggs Ranches is not liable, and the survivors and representatives of the decedents' estates are appealing the trial court's entry of a take-nothing judgment.

SUBMISSION AND ORAL ARGUMENT

March 8, 2011 at 10:30 a.m.

04-10-00187-CV

In the Interest of R.G., A Minor Child

This appeal arises from an order granting and rendering a judgment and confirmation of child support arrears. The order was signed twenty-four years after the child turned eighteen years old. The appellant asserts the trial court erred in concluding that it lacked jurisdiction to consider his

defenses and in excluding his evidence. The appellant further asserts the evidence is insufficient to support the trial court's judgment, and the trial court erred in granting relief that was not authorized by statute. Finally, the appellant contends that the section of the Texas Family Code that the trial court concluded deprived it of jurisdiction to consider his defenses violated his constitutional rights by depriving him of access to the courts.

A luncheon in honor of Women's History Month will follow the oral arguments. The luncheon is open to all faculty.

MARDI GRAS

Join us for food, drink and fun to celebrate **Mardi Gras** on **Tuesday, March 8, 2011, 4:15 – 6:00 p.m.** in the **Law Plaza**. In case of inclement weather, the celebration will be moved to the Law Alumni Room. This event is co-sponsored by the Student Bar Association, Evening Student Bar Association and Law Ministry.

ASH WEDNESDAY LITURGY

Law Ministry, the Student Bar Association and Evening Student Bar Association invites the St. Mary's Law community to join us in celebration of our **Lenten Journey** on **Wednesday, March 9, 2011, 12:00 p.m.** in the **Alumni Room** of the Sarita Kenedy East Law Library.

WANT TO GO TO INNSBRUCK BUT DON'T HAVE THE MONEY?

Sarah Thompson Memorial Scholarship

St. Mary's law students who are **interested in attending Innsbruck** this summer are invited to apply for this scholarship. This scholarship was established by the family of Sarah Thompson who was a vocal fan of the Innsbruck program and encouraged all those around her to attend. Sarah was a second year law student at St. Mary's who was tragically killed. All applications are due to **Sr. Grace Walle by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, March 25, 2011**. Please submit either a hard copy to her office, LF 106, or by email to gwall@stmarytx.edu (please type Sarah Thompson Memorial Scholarship in the subject line). Scholarship recipients will be **announced by April 1, 2011** and the two winners will receive \$500 and \$1,000 respectively. Recipients are chosen by a committee based on writing ability and persuasiveness. Please pick up the application at one of the bulletin boards on campus, from Sr. Grace Walle or on the Innsbruck website.

Professor Flint Fund

The Professor Flint Fund was established by Professor Flint and Sr. Grace to assist St. Mary's law school students who wish to attend the Innsbruck program. Students who are interested in applying for the Professor Flint Fund should pick up an application from the bulletin boards on campus, Sr. Grace Walle or on the Innsbruck website. Applications must be submitted **to Sr. Grace prior to March 25, 2011**. Please submit either a hard copy to her office, LF 106, or by email to gwall@stmarytx.edu (please put Flint Fund in the subject line).

Emiliano Infante Segrera Scholarship

This scholarship is offered through the generous support of Mr. Emil R. Infante, Esq. LLM who is a 2000 graduate of St. Mary's University School of Law and a former attendee of the Innsbruck program. Students must be currently enrolled in St. Mary's University School of Law who are in good standing and eligible to attend the Innsbruck program. Students must submit a hard copy of their letter of application by **5:00 pm, May 1, 2011 to Prof. Gerald Reamey, LFB 226** or by placing it in his faculty mailbox in Raba. Students can pick up a hard copy of the scholarship from the bulletin boards on campus, Prof. Gerald Reamey or on the Innsbruck website.

"FOR PAWS" SCHOOL CALENDAR

St.MU School of Law SALDF is creating a **School Calendar** for the school year 2011-12 to raise funds for **"For Paws"**. For Paws is the non-profit organization responsible for caring for the cats on St. Mary's University's campus. Please be part of the project by submitting a picture of your beloved pet (or you with your pet) to st.mu.law.saldf@gmail.com, post it on StMU School of Law Facebook page or contact Melissa Lesniak at mlesniak@mail.stmarytx.edu to arrange alternate delivery of a picture. Please include your name, your pets name and email address so that we may contact you to let you know if your picture will be in the calendar. We cannot guarantee all pictures will be used, but we will do our best to try and include everyone. Please do not hesitate to include a brief (no more than 5 lines) story about your pet if you would like. St.MU School of Law will collect pictures through **February 14, 2011**. If you have any questions please email Melissa Lesniak, St.MU School of Law SALDF President at mlesniak@mail.stmarytx.edu.

Calendars will be sold during the months of March and April for \$16.00 each. All proceeds will go to "For Paws" for the care of the cats on St. Mary's campus.

HISPANIC LAW STUDENT ASSOCIATION – GENERAL MEETING

Reserve the date! The Hispanic Law Student Association will hold their general meeting on **Monday, February 28, 2011 at 12:15 p.m.** Location of the meeting is to be determined. Food will be provided.

HISPANIC LAW ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Scholarships and Grants Announcement

The **Hispanic Law Alumni Association** is proud to announce the availability of **law school scholarships** and **bar study grants** for 2L/3L students. The scholarship and grant awards will be based on merit and proven financial need. The completed applications are **due on March 21, 2011 no later than 5:00 p.m.**, by email attachment. Recipients of the awards and grants will be selected shortly thereafter by committee process and award monies will be disbursed at the annual Henry B. Gonzalez Awards Dinner. This year the **dinner will take place on April 1, 2010** at the Marriott Plaza San Antonio. Any questions regarding the application process for either the scholarships or the grant should be directed to: Professor Mike Martinez, Jr. at mmartinez17@stmarytx.edu.

ON GOING PRO BONO OPPORTUNITY

The Director of Development and Marketing at the **St. Mary Magdalene Catholic School** is seeking current students to apply for the following volunteer positions: Database Developers, Event Leaders, and "Phonathon" Administrators. All these are part of a professional experience that will offer you real life working experience that can be used on your resume and pro bono or community service credit. Interested students should apply directly by contacting Mr. Carlos Zaldivar, MSM, Development Director/Marketing, St. Mary Magdalene Catholic School, carlos@carloszaldivar.com, 210-735-1381.

NEW PRO BONO INFORMATION DESK HOURS

All current law students are encouraged to sign up and visit the **Pro Bono TWEN site** for more information on Pro Bono and Community Service volunteer opportunities that count towards achieving the Pro Bono and/or the Community Service Achievement Certificates. (Students who complete 50 hours of qualifying volunteer work are eligible to receive either/each certificate. See the TWEN site for more information.)

Students can also visit the Pro Bono/Community Service **Information Desk located in the Raba Building** lobby. The current RA will generally be available to answer questions and receive hours tracking forms this spring, Mondays from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. and Tuesdays from 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

For more information visit the Pro Bono TWEN site or contact the current Pro Bono Services Division Research Assistant, Cristina Zambrano, at StMarysProBono@gmail.com.

Thank you students for your time and service!

OFFICE OF CAREER SERVICES

Please RSVP in the Events Section of Symplicity under Workshops for ALL programs!

Small and Solo Law Firm Interview Program and Networking Reception

Wednesday, February 16, 2011

3:00 – 5:00 p.m. Interviews will be held in the study rooms nearest the Office of Career Services

5:00 – 6:00 p.m. Networking reception in the Law Alumni Room.

Small firms and solo practitioners seeking students to work for them will be here interviewing students. Please watch for information on this event through emails. Applications will be due in the end of January/beginning of February. Employers will select candidates for interviews and selected candidates will be notified by the Office of Career Services.

Military JAG Panel

Thursday, February 17, 2011, 4:00 – 5:00 p.m., Law Alumni Room

This program will provide students with JAGs information and experiences from most branches of the military including the Army, Air Force, Marines, Navy and National Guard.

It will be co-sponsored by the Military Law Student Association and the Office of Career Services. Refreshments will be served.

TEXAS BOARD OF LAW EXAMINERS – FILING DEADLINES

<u>Examination Dates</u>	<u>File No Earlier Than</u>	<u>Timely Postmark Deadline</u>	<u>Absolute Postmark Deadline</u>
February	June 30	August 30	October 30
July	November 30	January 30	March 30

FOLLOW WHAT IS HAPPENING IN YOUR STUDENT BAR ASSOCIATION

Check out the Student Bar Association (SBA) on the St. Mary's Law website.
<http://www.stmarytx.edu/law/> --> Current Students --> Student Bar Association

Our most informative feature is a Universal Calendar. This calendar has all of the St. Mary's law events submitted to SBA. Please check it often.

Go to our SBA Facebook page (St. Mary's University - Student Bar Association) and “LIKE” our page or "Follow" us on Twitter (StMUSBA).

The SBA Outline Bank is available on SBA's TWEN site.

INTERNATIONAL BAR ASSOCIATION

The below information is provided by the new **International Bar Association** (IBA) student membership scheme; as it is a project with particular relevance to law students.

The IBA, established in 1947, is the world’s leading organization of international legal practitioners, bar associations and law societies. The IBA influences the development of international law reform and shapes the future of the legal profession throughout the world, whilst providing its members with unique international networking and professional development opportunities.

Through our **new student membership initiative** the IBA aims to enhance the study of law, by giving students access to the extensive range of academic and professional materials produced by the IBA - resources which are only available to IBA members. As well as some content specifically for students, such as opportunities to have work published, and competitions; all for the nominal charge of £20.

Additionally **IBA membership covers a broad range of international legal practitioners**, providing students with the opportunity to familiarize themselves with future employers. Our membership includes top international law firms such as: White & Case LLP, Simpson Thacher Bartlett LLP, Kirkland & Ellis LLP, Davis Polk & Wardwell LLP, Clifford Chance, Allen & Overy LLP, Slaughter and May, Linklaters, and Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer LLP; as well as 195 bar associations and law societies; over 45,000 individual lawyers; over 1,000 corporate counsel members representing hundreds of multinational corporations including Coca-Cola, IBM, Exxon-Mobil and AT&T; and now law students.

If you are interested in joining the IBA here is a link to our website:
http://www.ibanet.org/PPID/Constituent/Student_Committee/Default.aspx

And further information about the benefits of IBA student membership:
http://www.ibanet.org/PPID/Constituent/Student_Committee/why_join.aspx

WRITING COMPETITIONS, FELLOWSHIPS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

For a copy of detailed information regarding the below writing competitions and scholarships, please email Bebe Gonzales at bgonzales@stmarytx.edu.

The 2011 **Bert W. Levit** Essay Contest, sponsored by the ABA Standing Committee on Lawyers' Professional Liability and Long & Levit LLP for Law Students and Young Lawyers is now accepting entries. The winner will be awarded a prize of \$5,000. Postmark deadline for entries is **February 18, 2011**. For the essay contest hypothetical and rules, visit:
<http://bit.ly/Levit2011>.

The **Southeast/Southwest and Midwest People of Color** announce their 2011 Student Writing Competition. The topic is a cutting-edge legal/law and society issue related to the conference theme: The Role of the Law in Fostering Social, Political, and Economical Equality. First place, \$1,000 plus an all-expense paid trip to the Scholarship Conference at Nova Southeastern University of Law in Florida. Second place is \$500. Third place will receive a book on publishing. Deadline to apply is **February 28, 2011**.

The **Cameron County Bar Association** is proud to announce the establishment of its Scholarship Fund. The Fund will award \$3,000 for financial assistance annually to each scholarship recipient. The applicant's financial need; personal, family, and educational background; personal statement; and participation in community service activities will be considered in selecting the recipients of the Cameron County Bar Association Scholarship. Application deadline is **March 11, 2011**. For more information and application please see <http://www.law.uh.edu/financialaid/cameron%20county.pdf>.

Zelle Hofmann is pleased to offer the **Diversity in Law Scholarship** from the National LGBT Bar Association. The Scholarship is designed to encourage and facilitate diverse students, as well as students with a proven interest in diversity-related issues, in pursuing the law as a profession. For additional information about Zelle Hofmann, please visit www.zelle.com. Applicants must be first-year law students enrolled full-time. Scholarship amount is \$30,000. Deadline to apply is **April 1, 2011**. To download application, please visit:
http://lgbtbar.org/documents/Zelle_Hofmann_Voelbel_Mason_Scholarship_Application.doc

The **National Association of Chapter 13 Trustees** has established an annual student writing competition to encourage and reward original law student writing on issues concerning consumer bankruptcy and the law. Entrants should submit an essay, article, or comment on an issue concerning Chapter 13 of the Bankruptcy Code. The author of the first-place essay will receive a prize of \$1000 and the essay will be published in the NACCTT Quarterly. Entries must be received by **April 30, 2011**.

Nightlight Christian Adoptions announce their fourth annual 2011 Embryo Law Essay Competition. The challenge will be to write a scholarly position paper in response to a problem presented regarding embryo donation/adoption. There is a total of \$5,000.00 in prize money. To register or for more information, please visit www.embryolaw.org. Deadline to enter is **Monday, March 7, 2011**.

Notre Dame Law School Smith-Doheny Legal Ethics Writing Competition Call For Papers. Entries should concern any issue within the general category of legal ethics. Entries must be original, unpublished work and must not exceed 50 pages, including notes. Coauthored essays may be submitted. Prize money is \$2,500. Entries must be received by 5:00 p.m., **Friday, April 29, 2011**. Submit Entries to: Smith-Doheny Legal Ethics Writing Competition, Notre Dame Law School, Notre Dame, Indiana 46556. For more information, please email sumption.1@nd.edu or go to www.nd.edu/~ndlaw/writing_competitions/smith_doheny.pdf

The College of Labor and Employment Lawyers and American Bar Association Section of Labor and Employment Law announces their annual law student writing competition. First place: \$1500, second place, \$1000 and third place is \$500. Competition rules are at www.laborandemploymentcollege.org. Articles must be submitted by 5:00 p.m. CDT, **May 15, 2011**.

The **International Association of Defense Counsel** invites you to participate in its 2011 Legal Writing Contest. First prize, \$2,000, second prize is \$1,000 and third prize is \$500. Deadline for articles is **May 20, 2011**. Contest rules, writing guidelines, and entry forms can be found at www.iadclaw.org.

Women Trial Lawyers Caucus of the American Association for Justice (AAJ) announces the Women for Justice Education Fund's 2011 Mike Eidson Scholarship. The Scholarship is awarded annually to a rising 3L (or rising 4L in a night program) female student who has demonstrated a commitment to a career as a trial lawyer, along with dedication to upholding and defending the principles of the Constitution, and to the concept of a fair trial, the adversary system, and a just result for the injured, the accused, and those whose rights are jeopardized. Application **deadline is May 31, 2011**.

The **American College of Trust and Estate Counsel** Mary Moers Wenig 2011 Student Writing Competition. First prize \$5,000; second prize \$3,000; and third prize \$1,000. Complete rules and entry forms are available at www.actec.org. Deadline is **June 1, 2011**.

The **University of Connecticut Law School** announces their legal writing competition, now in its second year. Prizes include \$750 for the first-place winner, \$500 for the second-place winner, and \$250 for the third-place winner. The competition rules and intent to enter form are available online at <http://www.law.uconn.edu/node/9541>. Deadline to apply is **June 1, 2011**.

The **American Judges Association (AJA)** announces its Twenty-Third Annual Law Student Essay Competition. Essays submitted must be under the category of "Must a minor student be given his or her rights, including a *Miranda* warning and the right to have a parent present, before being questioned by police on school grounds." First prize is \$3,000, second prize

is \$1,500, and third prize is \$1,000. Entries must be postmarked no later than **June 1, 2011**. For more information, please see <http://aja.ncsc.dni.us>.

The **American Intellectual Property Law Association (AIPLA)** presents the 2011 Robert C. Watson competition. Award is \$2,000 to the author of best the article on a subject relating to the protection of intellectual property. Award will be presented during the 2011 AIPLA annual meeting in Washington DC. For more information, visit www.aipla.org. Deadline to enter is **June 30, 2011**.

The Theodore Tannenwald, Jr. Foundation for Excellence in Tax Scholarship and The American College of Tax Counsel are pleased to announce the 2011 Tannenwald Writing Competition. The subject may be on any federal or state tax topic. First prize is \$5,000; second prize is \$2,500; and third prize is \$1,500. For competition rules, please go to www.tannenwald.org. Entry deadline is **July 1, 2011**.

The **Legal Committee of the Southeastern Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies (SEAFWA)** announces its annual writing contest. Winning paper will be published at the SEAFWA Annual Conference October 22-26, 2011 in Nashville, Tennessee. Winner will receive up to \$1,000 to defray the cost of a trip to the conference to present the paper. Deadline to submit paper is **July 31, 2011**. For information on the SEAFWA please visit www.seafwa.org.

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JESSUP INTERNATIONAL LAW MOOT COURT COMPETITION

St. Mary's competed in the **Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition**, one of the largest and most prestigious competitions in the world. The team consisted of **Eli Jesus Hita, Marion Reilly, Phillip Ripper and Kimbel Ward** and was coached by **Professor Robert Summers** and **Adjunct Professor Gaylia Brunson**. **Marion Reilly** was named a Top-10 Best Advocate in the Competition. The Team's memorials were recognized as two of the Top-5 Best Memorials in the Competition. Congratulations to all for their hard work and accomplishments.

NATIONAL TRIAL COMPETITION MOCK TRIAL TEAMS

This past weekend, **St Mary's fielded two mock trial teams** in a regional competition of the annual **National Trial Competition**, which is sponsored by the **Texas Young Lawyers Association**, and was held in Houston. Both teams were coached by **Adjunct Professor Nicole Thornbro**. One team, consisting of **Joe Haeggquist** and **Tristan Dow**, advanced to the semi-final rounds after beating the University of Texas and Tulane, but losing to South Texas College of Law which later advanced to the nationals. In the semifinal round, the team lost to Texas Tech which also advanced to the nationals — by only a few points. A second team, consisting of **Sydney Paul** and **Omar Saenz**, competed but did not advance to semi-finals. **Steven Tays** and **Neha Vasani** served as alternates. Please join us in congratulating and thanking Professor Thornbro and her teams for an outstanding performance at this competition.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF CRIMINAL DEFENSE LAWYERS MOCK TRIAL COMPETITION

St. Mary's competed this past weekend at the **National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers** annual mock trial competition. This year's competition was held in San Antonio. **Adjunct Professor Matt Cole** coached the team, which consisted of **Jeff Cronkhite, Jessica Estorga, Christopher Griffith, Mark Poling, and Robby Glass**, who served as a student coach. The team beat Houston and Buffalo in the preliminary rounds, but lost to Stetson. **Mark Poling was named as Outstanding Speaker for the first and third rounds**. Please congratulate Professor Cole, the team, and Mark Poling for their dedication and strong showing this past weekend.

THE OIL, GAS AND ENERGY RESOURCES LAW SOCIETY

The **Oil, Gas and Energy Resources Law Society** was recently approved and is actively looking for new members. The Society's mission is to educate students about oil, gas and energy resources law issues and to create a forum for students to network with attorneys and law firms that work in each field.

If you are interested in joining or learning more about the Society please contact John Schulte at schulteiii@gmail.com or Parks Brown at parksbrown@hotmail.com.

FEDERAL COURT JUDICIAL INTERNSHIPS IN SAN ANTONIO

Semesters: Summer 2011, Fall 2011, and Spring 2012

Deadline: 4:00 p.m. Wednesday, February 23, 2011

Applications are now being accepted for pre-graduation judicial internships with five federal judges who have chambers in San Antonio. This is the only time that applications will be solicited for internships with these courts during the next three semesters. *Successful candidates typically have a strong academic record.*

Eligibility of Full-Time and Part-Time Students: Students may apply for any internship that will commence in a semester after the student has completed 31 hours of course work. Thus, a first-year, full-time student may apply for an internship that will take place in the summer between first and second year, or during any subsequent semester. A first-year, part-time student may applying for a judicial internship that commences in spring of the student's second year or later.

The United States Court of Appeals

There are two different internships available with judges on the Fifth Circuit. One is a four-credit, graded internship; the other is a two-credit pass/fail internship.

The Honorable Emilio M. Garza, a Judge on the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit, will offer four-credit graded internship positions to two students during each semester.

The Honorable Edward C. Prado, a Judge on the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit, will offer two-credit pass/fail internship positions to one student during each semester.

The United States District Court

At the United States District Court for the Western District of Texas, two or three positions will be available each semester with the Honorable Xavier Rodriguez during each semester. United States District Court interns are required to work 120 hours during the semester at the federal courthouse at Hemisfair Plaza in downtown San Antonio. Interns will earn two pass/fail credits.

The United States Magistrate Court

At the United States Magistrate Court, one internship with the Honorable Pamela Mathy is available during each semester. In addition, one internship position is available with the Honorable Nancy Stein Nowak in the summer semester.

Applications

Interested students should submit an application to Professor Vincent R. Johnson. Please

give your application materials to Ms. Maribel Garcia on the second floor of the Raba Law Faculty Building. Questions can be directed to Professor Johnson at: vjohnson@stmarytx.edu.

An application should include:

(1) One federal court internship form, available from Ms. Maribel Garcia or on the law school website. The form asks a student to indicate which judges the student would like to be considered by and which semesters the student is available to serve in an internship. You only need to submit one form, regardless of the number of judges for which you are submitting applications

(2) For each judge by whom a candidate would like to be considered:

- One resume, including cumulative GPA and current class rank;
- One cover letter in business-letter format (date; return address, judge's address, proper salutation (e.g., Dear Judge Garza). In terms of tone, the letter should be restrained, professional, factual, and confident.
- Please staple the cover letter to the front of the resume. Please do not use special folders or bindings; they will be removed before the applications are sent to the judges.

(3) Applicants for a U.S. Court of Appeals internship with Judge Emilio Garza should, if possible, furnish one writing sample (e.g., a Legal Writing memo or brief, a copy of an exam essay, a law journal comment, etc.). Writing samples should not be included for the other courts.

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK – BLACK LAW STUDENTS ASSOCIATION

Minorities in Law – Tuesday, February 22, Atrium, 6:00 – 8:30 p.m., join in on a round table discussion with local judges and attorneys about minority issues in the legal field.

Bake Sale – Wednesday, February 23. Do you know your Black history? Stop by the law classroom building from 9:00 – 5:00 p.m. to get a pamphlet highlighting a few famous African Americans and get some homemade goodies.

To the White House – Thursday, February 24, LC103, 12:30 – 1:45 p.m., come join a panel discussion about the effects of the first Black President on African American Lawyers. The discussion will be moderated by Dean Valencia.

Community Service – Saturday, February 26, Haven for Hope, 10:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m., take time to give back to the community by helping feed the homeless at 1 Haven for Hope Way.

Church Service – Sunday, February 27, True Vision Church, 10:30 a.m., please join us for a day of worship and celebration. True Vision Church is located at 5814 Rittiman Plaza.

EMBRY MOCK TRIAL COMPETITION

The **Board of Advocates** is hosting the **Embry Mock Trial** competition in late February. The preliminary rounds will be held on **February 22nd, 23rd, and 24th**, with teams competing on two of those three days. Only one EAP mock trial member can compete on each team, and the competition is **open to any and all 2L's and 3L's**. There is significant prize money for both 1st and 2nd place, and really affords a great opportunity to meet and be evaluated by local attorneys and judges in a trial setting. Signups will be on campus, as the BOA is tabling in the classroom buildings all week. For more information please contact Joey Caputo joey.caputo522@gmail.com, or Brian Cromeens at Bcromeens@gmail.com.

THE HASAN TRIAL – U.S. FEDERAL & MILITARY LAW CONTRASTED

Military Law Association and Center for Terrorism Law joint presentation: The Hasan Trial -- U.S. Federal & Military Law Contrasted. Professor Addicott will focus on the general differences between the United States Federal and Military legal systems, as seen through the lens of the Ft. Hood terrorist attack. Professor Addicott is the Director of the Center for Terrorism Law at St. Mary's University School of Law, San Antonio, Texas. An active duty Army officer in the Judge Advocate General's Corps for twenty years (he retired in 2000 at the rank of Lieutenant Colonel). The presentation will be in the **Alumni Room**, Sarita Kenedy East Law Library, **Thursday, February 24, 2011, 4:15 – 5:30 p.m.** Free food. Questions may be referred to Ann Marie Matonak, amatonak@mail.stmarytx.edu.

SNICKERS BIRTHDAY PARTY – STUDENT ANIMAL LEGAL DEFENSE FUND

On February 22 and 23, SALDF will have a table in the Law Classroom building for everyone to sign **Snickers' Birthday Card**. There will also be a box to place gifts for Snickers or you may bring gifts to the party if you plan on attending. There will also be a donation jar for anyone wishing to make a monetary contribution in honor of Snickers to benefit the San Antonio Spay-Neuter Assistance Program.

The birthday party will be held on **Friday, February 25, 2011 at 12:00 p.m.** in the **Atrium** of the Law Administration Building. A presentation about the laws that affect service animals will be given. Lunch and birthday cake will be served. This event is sponsored by Law Ministry.

JUSTICE ALMA L. LOPEZ – WOMAN IN LAW STUDENT LEADERSHIP AWARD

Nominations are now being accepted for the **Justice Alma L. Lopez Woman in Law Student Leadership Award**. Faculty, staff, students, or student organizations may make nominations. Included should be a letter of support identifying how the nominee fulfills the following criteria for the Leadership award:

- Mentors other law students, teens, or children during their academic career or in previous employment

- Encourages law students to participate in the University and Law School organizations and support the community through participation in law school events
- Demonstrates a commitment to public service especially through involvement in pro bono activities in the community or at the law school
- Develops or supports programs that help law students achieve success
- Provides advocacy on behalf of low income women or battered and abused woman and children
- Maintains honor, integrity, and personal authenticity in educational pursuits, personal life, and career goals
- Demonstrates academic accomplishments and personal financial need
- Students nominated must submit a resume

The award recipient will be honored at the Women's History Month celebration at the Law School on March 8, 2011. Please submit nominations to Sister Grace Walle in the Law Ministry Office or email to gwall@stmarytx.edu no later than **Friday, February 25, 2011**.

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FIVE LAW STUDENTS ELIGIBLE FOR SCHOLARSHIP PASSES TO SEMINAR

Sterling Education Services, Inc. is a non-profit continuing education company that conducts seminars across the nation. We are holding the following seminars in Texas and we would like to offer **five law students free scholarship-passes** to each seminar. The students get a day-long overview of a particular aspect of the law, a seminar manual, and will also get an opportunity to network with practicing attorneys. This is a win-win situation.

- Landlord-Tenant Law in San Antonio on March 2, 2011
- Fundamentals of Employment Law in Amarillo on March 3, 2011

Visit online at www.sterlingeducation.com for information and details on this program, or call (715) 855-0495. (Do not register on the website.) **Students must register before the seminar via phone.** No walk-ins will be allowed. Only current law students may take advantage of these passes and **MUST** provide their student ID number or other proof of enrollment in order to register.

MILITARY LAW ASSOCIATION – LONG MILE 5K/10K RUN

St. Mary's University School of Law **Military Law Association** is hosting a **Long Mile 5k/10k Run** on **Saturday, March 5, 2011 at 9:00 a.m.** Free race t-shirt, drinks and refreshments on race day. Registration fee is \$25. Proceeds will benefit the Fisher House. You may register four different ways; 1) online at www.active.com (additional fee assessed), 2) Military Law Association's TWEN site sign-up sheet, 3) on campus in the law classroom building and University Center, January 26 and February 9 or 4) on race day, but please show up no later than 8:30 a.m. Look for us on FACEBOOK. Registration after February 12, 2011 will delay t-shirt delivery on race day. This event is co-sponsored by Sister Grace Walle's Law Ministry.

5TH ANNUAL LAW ALUMNI OPEN

The **St. Mary's Student Bar Association (SBA)** will be hosting its much anticipated 5th Annual Law Alumni Open. This year's Law Open will be held on **Saturday, March 5, 2011** at the **Quarry Golf Club** with a **1:00 p.m. shotgun start**. Registration, lunch and warm-up will begin at 12:00 noon. After tremendous success last spring, the SBA aims to make the 5th annual tournament bigger and better than ever. In addition to tournament participation, players will receive lunch, dinner, drinks, gift bags, raffle prizes and live post-tournament entertainment into the evening. The SBA seeks your participation. Opportunities for participation range from sponsoring a hole, a contest, the drink cart, or simply coming out to enjoy a round of golf. Proceeds will benefit the Autism Treatment Center of Texas. For more information on the golf open, please visit the SBA website at <http://www.stmarytx.edu/law/> or contact Sean Caporaletti at scaporal@gmail.com.

FOURTH COURT OF APPEALS TO HEAR ORAL ARGUMENTS

The **Fourth Court of Appeals** is scheduled to be at St. Mary's University School of Law on **Tuesday, March 8, 2011, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.** to hear oral arguments. All students, faculty and staff are invited.

SET FOR ORAL ARGUMENT AT ST. MARY'S

March 8, 2011 at 9:00 a.m.

CASE SUMMARY:

No. 04-10-00388-CV

Salinas, et al. v. Briggs Ranches, et al.

This case arises out of a fatal drunk driving accident that occurred on Briggs Ranches' premises after work hours. The driver in the accident was employed by Briggs Ranches. The main legal issue is whether, under the facts of this case, the employer is liable for the negligent acts of its off-duty employee which were committed on the employer's premises? The jury found that Briggs Ranches is not liable, and the survivors and representatives of the decedents' estates are appealing the trial court's entry of a take-nothing judgment.

SUBMISSION AND ORAL ARGUMENT

March 8, 2011 at 10:30 a.m.

04-10-00187-CV

In the Interest of R.G., A Minor Child

This appeal arises from an order granting and rendering a judgment and confirmation of child support arrears. The order was signed twenty-four years after the child turned eighteen years old. The appellant asserts the trial court erred in concluding that it lacked jurisdiction to consider his defenses and in excluding his evidence. The appellant further asserts the evidence is insufficient to support the trial court's judgment, and the trial court erred in granting relief that was not authorized by statute. Finally, the appellant contends that the section of the Texas Family Code that the trial court concluded deprived it of jurisdiction to consider his defenses violated his constitutional rights by depriving him of access to the courts.

A luncheon in honor of Women's History Month will follow the oral arguments. The luncheon is open to all faculty.

MARDI GRAS

Join us for food, drink and fun to celebrate **Mardi Gras** on **Tuesday, March 8, 2011, 4:15 – 6:00 p.m.** in the **Law Plaza**. In case of inclement weather, the celebration will be moved to the Law Alumni Room. This event is co-sponsored by the Student Bar Association, Evening Student Bar Association and Law Ministry.

ASH WEDNESDAY LITURGY

Law Ministry, the Student Bar Association and Evening Student Bar Association invites the St. Mary's Law community to join in celebration of **Lenten Journey** on **Wednesday, March 9, 2011, 12:00 p.m.** in the **Alumni Room** of the Sarita Kenedy East Law Library.

WANT TO GO TO INNSBRUCK BUT DON'T HAVE THE MONEY?

Sarah Thompson Memorial Scholarship

St. Mary's law students who are **interested in attending Innsbruck** this summer are invited to apply for this scholarship. This scholarship was established by the family of Sarah Thompson who was a vocal fan of the Innsbruck program and encouraged all those around her to attend. Sarah was a second year law student at St. Mary's who was tragically killed. All applications are due to **Sr. Grace Walle by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, March 25, 2011**. Please submit either a hard copy to her office, LF 106, or by email to gwall@stmarytx.edu (please type Sarah Thompson Memorial Scholarship in the subject line). Scholarship recipients will be **announced by April 1, 2011** and the two winners will receive \$500 and \$1,000 respectively. Recipients are chosen by a committee based on writing ability and persuasiveness. Please pick up the application at one of the bulletin boards on campus, from Sr. Grace Walle or on the Innsbruck

website.

Professor Flint Fund

The Professor Flint Fund was established by Professor Flint and Sr. Grace to assist St. Mary's law school students who wish to attend the Innsbruck program. Students who are interested in applying for the Professor Flint Fund should pick up an application from the bulletin boards on campus, Sr. Grace Walle or on the Innsbruck website. Applications must be submitted **to Sr. Grace prior to March 25, 2011**. Please submit either a hard copy to her office, LF 106, or by email to gwall@stmarytx.edu (please put Flint Fund in the subject line).

Emiliano Infante Segrera Scholarship

This scholarship is offered through the generous support of Mr. Emil R. Infante, Esq. LLM who is a 2000 graduate of St. Mary's University School of Law and a former attendee of the Innsbruck program. Students must be currently enrolled in St. Mary's University School of Law who are in good standing and eligible to attend the Innsbruck program. Students must submit a hard copy of their letter of application by **5:00 pm, May 1, 2011 to Prof. Gerald Reamey, LFB 226** or by placing it in his faculty mailbox in Raba. Students can pick up a hard copy of the scholarship from the bulletin boards on campus, Prof. Gerald Reamey or on the Innsbruck website.

HISPANIC LAW STUDENT ASSOCIATION – GENERAL MEETING

Reserve the date! The Hispanic Law Student Association will hold their general meeting on **Monday, February 28, 2011 at 12:15 p.m.** Location of the meeting is to be determined. Food will be provided.

HISPANIC LAW ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Scholarships and Grants Announcement

The **Hispanic Law Alumni Association** is proud to announce the availability of **law school scholarships** and **bar study grants** for 2L/3L students. The scholarship and grant awards will be based on merit and proven financial need. The completed applications are **due on March 21, 2011 no later than 5:00 p.m.**, by email attachment. Recipients of the awards and grants will be selected shortly thereafter by committee process and award monies will be disbursed at the annual Henry B. Gonzalez Awards Dinner. This year the **dinner will take place on April 1, 2010** at the Marriott Plaza San Antonio. Any questions regarding the application process for either the scholarships or the grant should be directed to: Professor Mike Martinez, Jr. at mmartinez17@stmarytx.edu.

ON GOING PRO BONO OPPORTUNITY

The Director of Development and Marketing at the **St. Mary Magdalene Catholic School** is seeking current students to apply for the following volunteer positions: Database Developers, Event Leaders, and "Phonathon" Administrators. All these are part of a professional experience that will offer you real life working experience that can be used on your resume and pro

bono or community service credit. Interested students should apply directly by contacting Mr. Carlos Zaldivar, MSM, Development Director/Marketing, St. Mary Magdalene Catholic School, carlos@carloszaldivar.com, 210-735-1381.

NEW PRO BONO INFORMATION DESK HOURS

All current law students are encouraged to sign up and visit the **Pro Bono TWEN site** for more information on Pro Bono and Community Service volunteer opportunities that count towards achieving the Pro Bono and/or the Community Service Achievement Certificates. (Students who complete 50 hours of qualifying volunteer work are eligible to receive either/each certificate. See the TWEN site for more information.)

Students can also visit the Pro Bono/Community Service **Information Desk located in the Raba Building** lobby. The current RA will generally be available to answer questions and receive hours tracking forms this spring, Mondays from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. and Tuesdays from 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

For more information visit the Pro Bono TWEN site or contact the current Pro Bono Services Division Research Assistant, Cristina Zambrano, at StMarysProBono@gmail.com.

Thank you students for your time and service!

OFFICE OF CAREER SERVICES

Second Career Law Students: Celebrate Chronological Enrichment
Wednesday, March 9, 2011, 5:10 – 6:10 p.m., Law Alumni Room
Speaker: Susan Gainen, Pass the Baton, LLC

This one-hour program will:

- banish the notion that “I am the only Old One in my class;”
- removes “Why did you come to law school?” from the Attack Question category;
- covers the advantages and pitfalls in building on a previous career, expecting raises, promotions, autonomy, responsibility, and/or minimal supervision because of age alone;
- discusses the possibility and forms of age discrimination, how to cope, and where to go for help;
- demonstrates how a Chronologically Enriched Law Student can be a bonus hire (with the right credentials and the right attitude) and
- Assist those who have military experience to help parlay that into civilian positions.

Discuss how to attack your resume and interview with all of the vast and past experiences you have before law school. Dinner will be served. Please RSVP in the Events Section of Symplicity under Workshops. It is important to RSVP. Those who do will be allowed to eat first; the rest will be able to attend the program but will be asked to wait until the end to eat what has remained. This event is co-sponsored by BarBri and the ESBA.

TEXAS BOARD OF LAW EXAMINERS – FILING DEADLINES

<u>Examination Dates</u>	<u>File No Earlier Than</u>	<u>Timely Postmark Deadline</u>	<u>Absolute Postmark Deadline</u>
February	June 30	August 30	October 30
July	November 30	January 30	March 30

FOLLOW WHAT IS HAPPENING IN YOUR STUDENT BAR ASSOCIATION

Check out the Student Bar Association (SBA) on the St. Mary's Law website.
<http://www.stmarytx.edu/law/> --> Current Students --> Student Bar Association

Our most informative feature is a Universal Calendar. This calendar has all of the St. Mary's law events submitted to SBA. Please check it often.

Go to our SBA Facebook page (St. Mary's University - Student Bar Association) and “LIKE” our page or "Follow" us on Twitter (StMUSBA).

The SBA Outline Bank is available on SBA's TWEN site.

INTERNATIONAL BAR ASSOCIATION

The below information is provided by the new **International Bar Association (IBA)** student membership scheme; as it is a project with particular relevance to law students.

The IBA, established in 1947, is the world’s leading organization of international legal practitioners, bar associations and law societies. The IBA influences the development of international law reform and shapes the future of the legal profession throughout the world, whilst providing its members with unique international networking and professional development opportunities.

Through our **new student membership initiative** the IBA aims to enhance the study of law, by giving students access to the extensive range of academic and professional materials produced by the IBA - resources which are only available to IBA members. As well as some content specifically for students, such as opportunities to have work published, and competitions; all for the nominal charge of £20.

Additionally **IBA membership covers a broad range of international legal practitioners**, providing students with the opportunity to familiarize themselves with future employers. Our membership includes top international law firms such as: White & Case LLP, Simpson Thacher Bartlett LLP, Kirkland & Ellis LLP, Davis Polk & Wardwell LLP, Clifford Chance, Allen & Overy LLP, Slaughter and May, Linklaters, and Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer LLP; as well as 195 bar associations and law societies; over 45,000 individual lawyers; over 1,000 corporate counsel members representing hundreds of multinational corporations including Coca-Cola, IBM, Exxon-Mobil and AT&T; and now law students.

If you are interested in joining the IBA here is a link to our website:
http://www.ibanet.org/PPID/Constituent/Student_Committee/Default.aspx

And further information about the benefits of IBA student membership:
http://www.ibanet.org/PPID/Constituent/Student_Committee/why_join.aspx

WRITING COMPETITIONS, FELLOWSHIPS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

For a copy of detailed information regarding the below writing competitions and scholarships, please email Bebe Gonzales at bgonzales@stmarytx.edu.

The **Southeast/Southwest and Midwest People of Color** announce their 2011 Student Writing Competition. The topic is a cutting-edge legal/law and society issue related to the conference theme: The Role of the Law in Fostering Social, Political, and Economical Equality. First place, \$1,000 plus an all-expense paid trip to the Scholarship Conference at Nova Southeastern University of Law in Florida. Second place is \$500. Third place will receive a book on publishing. Deadline to apply is **February 28, 2011**.

The **Cameron County Bar Association** is proud to announce the establishment of its Scholarship Fund. The Fund will award \$3,000 for financial assistance annually to each scholarship recipient. The applicant's financial need; personal, family, and educational background; personal statement; and participation in community service activities will be considered in selecting the recipients of the Cameron County Bar Association Scholarship. Application deadline is **March 11, 2011**. For more information and application please see <http://www.law.uh.edu/financialaid/cameron%20county.pdf>.

Zelle Hofmann is pleased to offer the **Diversity in Law Scholarship** from the National LGBT Bar Association. The Scholarship is designed to encourage and facilitate diverse students, as well as students with a proven interest in diversity-related issues, in pursuing the law as a profession. For additional information about Zelle Hofmann, please visit www.zelle.com. Applicants must be first-year law students enrolled full-time. Scholarship amount is \$30,000. Deadline to apply is **April 1, 2011**. To download application, please visit: http://lgbtbar.org/documents/Zelle_Hofmann_Voelbel_Mason_Scholarship_Application.doc

New – The **State Bar of Texas Law Student Division** announces its 2011 Essay Contest. This year's theme is *The Legacy of John Adams, From Boston to Guantanamo*. Explore how lawyers in the past and present have promoted justice by defending unpopular clients. Two scholarship recipients will be chosen and each will receive \$1,000. The essay contest is open to State Bar of Texas Law Student Division members only. Deadline to submit essay is **Friday, April 15, 2011**.

The **National Association of Chapter 13 Trustees** has established an annual student writing competition to encourage and reward original law student writing on issues concerning consumer bankruptcy and the law. Entrants should submit an essay, article, or comment on an issue concerning Chapter 13 of the Bankruptcy Code. The author of the first-place essay will receive a prize of \$1000 and the essay will be published in the NACTT Quarterly. Entries must

be received by **April 30, 2011**.

Nightlight Christian Adoptions announce their fourth annual 2011 Embryo Law Essay Competition. The challenge will be to write a scholarly position paper in response to a problem presented regarding embryo donation/adoption. There is a total of \$5,000.00 in prize money. To register or for more information, please visit www.embryolaw.org. Deadline to enter is **Monday, March 7, 2011**.

Notre Dame Law School Smith-Doheny Legal Ethics Writing Competition Call For Papers. Entries should concern any issue within the general category of legal ethics. Entries must be original, unpublished work and must not exceed 50 pages, including notes. Coauthored essays may be submitted. Prize money is \$2,500. Entries must be received by 5:00 p.m., **Friday, April 29, 2011**. Submit Entries to: Smith-Doheny Legal Ethics Writing Competition, Notre Dame Law School, Notre Dame, Indiana 46556. For more information, please email sumption.1@nd.edu or go to www.nd.edu/~ndlaw/writing_competitions/smith_doheny.pdf

The College of Labor and Employment Lawyers and American Bar Association Section of Labor and Employment Law announces their annual law student writing competition. First place: \$1500, second place, \$1000 and third place is \$500. Competition rules are at www.laborandemploymentcollege.org. Articles must be submitted by 5:00 p.m. CDT, **May 15, 2011**.

The **International Association of Defense Counsel** invites you to participate in its 2011 Legal Writing Contest. First prize, \$2,000, second prize is \$1,000 and third prize is \$500. Deadline for articles is **May 20, 2011**. Contest rules, writing guidelines, and entry forms can be found at www.iadclaw.org.

Women Trial Lawyers Caucus of the American Association for Justice (AAJ) announces the Women for Justice Education Fund's 2011 Mike Eidson Scholarship. The Scholarship is awarded annually to a rising 3L (or rising 4L in a night program) female student who has demonstrated a commitment to a career as a trial lawyer, along with dedication to upholding and defending the principles of the Constitution, and to the concept of a fair trial, the adversary system, and a just result for the injured, the accused, and those whose rights are jeopardized. Application **deadline is May 31, 2011**.

The **American College of Trust and Estate Counsel** Mary Moers Wenig 2011 Student Writing Competition. First prize \$5,000; second prize \$3,000; and third prize \$1,000. Complete rules and entry forms are available at www.actec.org. Deadline is **June 1, 2011**.

The **University of Connecticut Law School** announces their legal writing competition, now in its second year. Prizes include \$750 for the first-place winner, \$500 for the second-place winner, and \$250 for the third-place winner. The competition rules and intent to enter form are available online at <http://www.law.uconn.edu/node/9541>. Deadline to apply is **June 1, 2011**.

The **American Judges Association (AJA)** announces its Twenty-Third Annual Law Student Essay Competition. Essays submitted must be under the category of "Must a minor

student be given his or her rights, including a *Miranda* warning and the right to have a parent present, before being questioned by police on school grounds.” First prize is \$3,000, second prize is \$1,500, and third prize is \$1,000. Entries must be postmarked no later than **June 1, 2011**. For more information, please see <http://aja.ncsc.dni.us>.

The **American Intellectual Property Law Association** (AIPLA) presents the 2011 Robert C. Watson competition. Award is \$2,000 to the author of best the article on a subject relating to the protection of intellectual property. Award will be presented during the 2011 AIPLA annual meeting in Washington DC. For more information, visit www.aipla.org. Deadline to enter is **June 30, 2011**.

The Theodore Tannenwald, Jr. Foundation for Excellence in Tax Scholarship and The American College of Tax Counsel are pleased to announce the 2011 Tannenwald Writing Competition. The subject may be on any federal or state tax topic. First prize is \$5,000; second prize is \$2,500; and third prize is \$1,500. For competition rules, please go to www.tannenwald.org. Entry deadline is **July 1, 2011**.

The **Legal Committee of the Southeastern Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies** (SEAFWA) announces its annual writing contest. Winning paper will be published at the SEAFWA Annual Conference October 22-26, 2011 in Nashville, Tennessee. Winner will receive up to \$1,000 to defray the cost of a trip to the conference to present the paper. Deadline to submit paper is **July 31, 2011**. For information on the SEAFWA please visit www.seafwa.org.

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By VMM

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ALTERNATIVE SPRING BREAK SERVICE TRIP APPLICATION DEADLINE

Anyone who is interested in attending the alternative spring break service trips in either McAllen, TX or New Orleans, LA should submit their applications no later than **March 4, 2011**. Applications can be turned in to Sr. Grace Walle at her office in the Raba building, room 105.

RESEARCH FELLOWS NEEDED

The Center for Terrorism Law at St. Mary's University School of Law is seeking 2L students for Research Fellows for the remainder of the spring semester and into the following year. The goal of the Center is to examine current and potential legal issues related to terrorism in light of the challenge of achieving and maintaining a proper balance between global security and civil justice. This goal is pursued through professional exchanges such as symposia and consultations; writing, commenting on, and publishing written materials; and ensuring access to extensive information resources regarding terrorism. Research is conducted in a variety of associated areas and relates to defining terrorism, war powers, civil liberty concerns, Congressional powers, Executive powers, cooperative law enforcement, military support to law enforcement, Department of Defense responsibilities, Department of Homeland Security, and criminal prosecutions of terrorists.

If you are **interested in becoming a Research Fellow** with the Center, come by the state-of-the-art facility located in the Raba Building before **March 11, 2011** and see Operations Chief Faithe Campbell or Senior Research Fellow Katie Harmon.

COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS INTERNSHIP

A **summer internship** with the Staff Attorneys' Office at the **Court of Criminal Appeals** in Austin, Texas is available for a limited number of students during the summer of 2011. Students who are selected for the program will work under the supervision of staff attorneys on criminal appeals, petitions for discretionary review and habeas corpus petitions. Those interested in applying should **send a resume and a cover letter to Professor Schmolesky in Room 224** of the Law Faculty Building. In the letter please indicate if you have any preference for first or second summer session. Students will receive 2 pass/fail credits upon successful completion of the program that requires a minimum of 120 hours of work. Students will receive credit as if for a course offered on the home campus rather than transient credit and accepted students will be required to pay tuition to the law school for their participation in the program. Preference will be

given to students who have completed 2 years of law school, but students who have completed their first year may apply. The **deadline for applications is 12 noon on Friday, March 25, 2011**. Students who have previously expressed an interest in this program should reaffirm their interest by contacting Professor Schmolesky in writing.

INAUGURAL FAMILY FUN DAY AND CHILI COOK-OFF

The **San Antonio Young Lawyers Association** is honored to host the "Inaugural Family Fun Day and Chili Cook-off," with the Children's Bereavement Center of South Texas (CBST) on **Sunday, March 6, 2011 from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.** The event will take place at the **Koehler Pavilion, Brackenridge Park, 3700 St. Mary's Street**. All you can eat and drink for \$15 per family (of four) at the door, only \$10 if you RSVP online, or \$5 per person. Moon-Walk, cotton candy, snow cones, fun slide, face painting, balloon art, and many other games for kids. Chili Cook-Off competition rules and entry available at www.sayla.org; \$20 per entry. The CBCST will be participating to help provide a fun-filled day for the children of CBCST. For more information, visit www.sayla.org or call or email Ty Sheehan at (210) 271-1702 or tysheehan@hsfblaw.com or Barrett Shipp at (210) 366-0900 or barretts@heinrichslaw.com. This event is sponsored by St. Mary's University School of Law, Office of the Dean and Law Alumni Association Board.

ORDER OF BARRISTERS APPLICATIONS

The **Order of Barristers** is a national honorary organization whose purpose is the encouragement of oral advocacy and brief writing skills. The Order – which is **open only to graduating third-year law students** – provides national recognition for individuals who have excelled in advocacy and service at their respective schools. St. Mary's School of Law is permitted to select **ten new members** each year. If you are interested in being considered for The Order of Barristers, please pick up an application form from Professor Dave Schlueter, Chairman of the Faculty Advocacy Committee, LFB 270. **The applications will be posted on his office door, beginning March 8th.** The faculty's Advocacy Committee will review and select the new members and announce their names at the **Barristers' Ball** on Friday, April 15, 2011. These applications will also be used, in part, to determine the recipients of the various faculty awards for outstanding advocacy. Please note that seeking or obtaining advice or assistance from any faculty member (full time, visiting, or adjunct) other than the Chair of the Advocacy Committee (Professor Schlueter) concerning your application or its contents is strictly prohibited. **All completed applications must be returned** to Professor Schlueter's office no later than **NOON on Monday, March 28, 2011.**

LAW STUDENT PARTICIPATION NEEDED FOR RESEARCH STUDY

Abigail Perelman, a 5th year doctoral student in the Clinical Psychology department at the University of Alabama is currently conducting dissertation research that examines law students' attitudes and beliefs toward treatment programs for juvenile offenders. An important focus of this research is the attitudes and beliefs of legal professionals. Past research on this topic has neglected legal professionals—what they know and feel about the “best practices” for offender rehabilitation. Interested in opinions of **1Ls, 2Ls, and 3Ls, even if you don't plan to go into**

criminal law. By participating in the study, you will a) learn about the latest research on juvenile justice b) help produce cutting edge data on law students' perspectives, and c) earn money for organizations that matter. **In return for your participation, the project will donate \$1 per participant to the American Bar Association-Law Student Division or National Legal Aid and Defender Association.** If you choose to participate, you will be asked to complete online questionnaires and watch an online presentation (with audio). This study requires that you have uninterrupted access to a computer with Internet access for the entire 60 minutes. Please consider this opportunity. It is a great way to play a vital role in shaping public policy and juvenile justice research. In addition, those who may be interested in a summary of results upon completion of the project may enter their email address during the beginning of the study. **If you would like to participate, please email the following address that simply states you are "interested in completing the study" and give your university affiliation.** You do NOT need to provide your name or any additional information: Send your response to: uapsychresearcher@gmail.com or visit <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/dissertationrecruitmentinfo>. For questions about this research, contact Abigail Perelman at amperelman@crimson.ua.edu.

MILITARY LAW ASSOCIATION – LONG MILE 5K/10K RUN

St. Mary's University School of Law **Military Law Association** is hosting a **Long Mile 5k/10k Run** on **Saturday, March 5, 2011 at 9:00 a.m.** Free race t-shirt, drinks and refreshments on race day. Registration fee is \$25. Proceeds will benefit the Fisher House. You may register four different ways; 1) online at www.active.com (additional fee assessed), 2) Military Law Association's TWEN site sign-up sheet, 3) on campus in the law classroom building and University Center, January 26 and February 9 or 4) on race day, but please show up no later than 8:30 a.m. Look for us on FACEBOOK. Registration after February 12, 2011 will delay t-shirt delivery on race day. This event is co-sponsored by Sister Grace Walle's Law Ministry.

5TH ANNUAL LAW ALUMNI OPEN

The **St. Mary's Student Bar Association (SBA)** will be hosting its much anticipated 5th Annual Law Alumni Open. This year's Law Open will be held on **Saturday, March 5, 2011** at the **Quarry Golf Club** with a **1:00 p.m. shotgun start**. Registration, lunch and warm-up will begin at 12:00 noon. After tremendous success last spring, the SBA aims to make the 5th annual tournament bigger and better than ever. In addition to tournament participation, players will receive lunch, dinner, drinks, gift bags, raffle prizes and live post-tournament entertainment into the evening. The SBA seeks your participation. Opportunities for participation range from sponsoring a hole, a contest, the drink cart, or simply coming out to enjoy a round of golf. Proceeds will benefit the Autism Treatment Center of Texas. For more information on the golf open, please visit the SBA website at <http://www.stmarytx.edu/law/> or contact Sean Caporaletti at scaporal@gmail.com.

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Recipients are chosen by a committee based on writing ability and persuasiveness. Please pick up the application at one of the bulletin boards on campus, from Sr. Grace Walle or on the Innsbruck website.

Professor Flint Fund

The Professor Flint Fund was established by Professor Flint and Sr. Grace to assist St. Mary's law school students who wish to attend the Innsbruck program. Students who are interested in applying for the Professor Flint Fund should pick up an application from the bulletin boards on campus, Sr. Grace Walle or on the Innsbruck website. Applications must be submitted **to Sr. Grace prior to March 25, 2011**. Please submit either a hard copy to her office, LF 106, or by email to gwalle@stmarytx.edu (please put Flint Fund in the subject line).

Emiliano Infante Segrera Scholarship

This scholarship is offered through the generous support of Mr. Emil R. Infante, Esq. LL.M who is a 2000 graduate of St. Mary's University School of Law and a former attendee of the Innsbruck program. Students must be currently enrolled in St. Mary's University School of Law who are in good standing and eligible to attend the Innsbruck program. Students must submit a hard copy of their letter of application by **5:00 pm, May 1, 2011 to Prof. Gerald Reamey, LFB 226** or by placing it in his faculty mailbox in Raba. Students can pick up a hard copy of the scholarship from the bulletin boards on campus, Prof. Gerald Reamey or on the Innsbruck website.

2011 MEXICAN-AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION OF TEXAS LAW STUDENT CONFERENCE

March 25-26, 2011

St. Mary's University School of Law
Atrium in the Law Administration Building

Network with Attorneys and Judges
Scholarship Opportunities for Law Student Attendees

Friday, March 25, 2011

5:30 p.m. – Cocktail reception with Judges and Attorneys, co-sponsored by the Law Office of Javier Espinoza P.C. (719 South Flores, Ste. 100, San Antonio, Texas, 78204)

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9:30 a.m. –12:00 p.m.—Continuing Legal Education Programs

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The following named individuals have tentatively confirmed their attendance: Sen. Carlos Uresti, Rep. Joaquin Castro, Rep. Trey Martinez Fischer, Judge Antonia Arteaga, Judge Juanita

Vasquez Gardner, Judge Victor Negron, Judge Irene Rios, Judge David Rodriguez, and Judge Lori Valenzuela, among others.

Free for MABA-Texas members, members of MABA-Texas affiliate organizations, members of St. Mary's Hispanic Law Alumni Association, and law students. To register email Paul Torres at paul@torreslawpc.com or visit www.mabatexas.com. Information is also available at www.stmarytx.edu/law under the Current Students/SBA tab.

HISPANIC LAW ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Scholarships and Grants Announcement

The **Hispanic Law Alumni Association** is proud to announce the availability of **law school scholarships** and **bar study grants** for 2L/3L students. The scholarship and grant awards will be based on merit and proven financial need. The completed applications are **due on March 21, 2011 no later than 5:00 p.m.**, by email attachment. Recipients of the awards and grants will be selected shortly thereafter by committee process and award monies will be disbursed at the annual Henry B. Gonzalez Awards Dinner. This year the **dinner will take place on April 1, 2010** at the Marriott Plaza San Antonio. Any questions regarding the application process for either the scholarships or the grant should be directed to: Professor Mike Martinez, Jr. at mmartinez17@stmarytx.edu.

THANK YOU

Law School and St. Mary's Community

On behalf of Snickers and myself please let me express my heartfelt thanks and appreciation to the **St. Mary's Legal Defense Fund, Law School Ministry**, and to the many friends who took part in the celebration of **Snicker's sixth birthday**.

When we came here it was said that the law school becomes an extended family. No truer words could have been spoken as demonstrated by the wonderful cards, and many toys and snacks you presented Snickers on his special day. Snickers spent the rest of Friday and the weekend driving himself crazy as he couldn't decide on which ball to chase, squeaker to chew, or the mountains of snacks to try. **A special thank you** goes to everyone who graciously donated to the **SNAP program**.

To close, I would like to say that I am grateful to the law school for acknowledging and educating itself on the many challenges, both social and legal, persons with disabilities face. Perhaps more importantly, our students continually prove as future lawyers they will stand ready to confront these issues with the skills of legal accuracy, and compassion.

With sincerest gratitude,
Robert D. Dittman, 2L and Snickers, K9L

ON GOING PRO BONO OPPORTUNITY

The Director of Development and Marketing at the **St. Mary Magdalene Catholic School** is seeking current students to apply for the following volunteer positions: Database Developers, Event Leaders, and "Phonathon" Administrators. All these are part of a professional experience that will offer you real life working experience that can be used on your resume and pro bono or community service credit. Interested students should apply directly by contacting Mr. Carlos Zaldivar, MSM, Development Director/Marketing, St. Mary Magdalene Catholic School, carlos@carloszaldivar.com, 210-735-1381.

NEW PRO BONO INFORMATION DESK HOURS

All current law students are encouraged to sign up and visit the **Pro Bono TWEN site** for more information on Pro Bono and Community Service volunteer opportunities that count towards achieving the Pro Bono and/or the Community Service Achievement Certificates. (Students who complete 50 hours of qualifying volunteer work are eligible to receive either/each certificate. See the TWEN site for more information.)

Students can also visit the Pro Bono/Community Service **Information Desk located in the Raba Building** lobby. The current RA will generally be available to answer questions and receive hours tracking forms this spring, Mondays from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. and Tuesdays from 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

For more information visit the Pro Bono TWEN site or contact the current Pro Bono Services Division Research Assistant, Cristina Zambrano, at StMarysProBono@gmail.com.

Thank you students for your time and service!

OFFICE OF CAREER SERVICES

Second Career Law Students: Celebrate Chronological Enrichment
Wednesday, March 9, 2011, 5:10 – 6:10 p.m., Law Alumni Room
Speaker: Susan Gainen, Pass the Baton, LLC

This one-hour program will:

- banish the notion that "I am the only Old One in my class;"
- removes "Why did you come to law school?" from the Attack Question category;
- covers the advantages and pitfalls in building on a previous career, expecting raises, promotions, autonomy, responsibility, and/or minimal supervision because of age alone;
- discusses the possibility and forms of age discrimination, how to cope, and where to go for help;
- demonstrates how a Chronologically Enriched Law Student can be a bonus hire (with the right credentials and the right attitude) and
- Assist those who have military experience to help parlay that into civilian positions.

Discuss how to attack your resume and interview with all of the vast and past experiences you have before law school. Dinner will be served. Please RSVP in the Events Section of Symplicity under Workshops. It is important to RSVP. Those who do will be allowed to eat first; the rest will be able to attend the program but will be asked to wait until the end to eat what has remained. This event is co-sponsored by BarBri and the ESBA.

TEXAS BOARD OF LAW EXAMINERS – FILING DEADLINES

<u>Examination Dates</u>	<u>File No Earlier Than</u>	<u>Timely Postmark Deadline</u>	<u>Absolute Postmark Deadline</u>
February	June 30	August 30	October 30
July	November 30	January 30	March 30

INTERNATIONAL BAR ASSOCIATION

The below information is provided by the new **International Bar Association (IBA)** student membership scheme; as it is a project with particular relevance to law students.

The IBA, established in 1947, is the world's leading organization of international legal practitioners, bar associations and law societies. The IBA influences the development of international law reform and shapes the future of the legal profession throughout the world, whilst providing its members with unique international networking and professional development opportunities.

Through our **new student membership initiative** the IBA aims to enhance the study of law, by giving students access to the extensive range of academic and professional materials produced by the IBA - resources which are only available to IBA members. As well as some content specifically for students, such as opportunities to have work published, and competitions; all for the nominal charge of £20.

Additionally **IBA membership covers a broad range of international legal practitioners**, providing students with the opportunity to familiarize themselves with future employers. Our membership includes top international law firms such as: White & Case LLP, Simpson Thacher Bartlett LLP, Kirkland & Ellis LLP, Davis Polk & Wardwell LLP, Clifford Chance, Allen & Overy LLP, Slaughter and May, Linklaters, and Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer LLP; as well as 195 bar associations and law societies; over 45,000 individual lawyers; over 1,000 corporate counsel members representing hundreds of multinational corporations including Coca-Cola, IBM, Exxon-Mobil and AT&T; and now law students.

If you are interested in joining the IBA here is a link to our website:
http://www.ibanet.org/PPID/Constituent/Student_Committee/Default.aspx

And further information about the benefits of IBA student membership:
http://www.ibanet.org/PPID/Constituent/Student_Committee/why_join.aspx

FIVE LAW STUDENTS ELIGIBLE FOR SCHOLARSHIP PASSES TO SEMINAR

Sterling Education Services, Inc. is a non-profit continuing education company that conducts seminars across the nation. We are holding the following seminars in Texas and we would like to offer **five law students free scholarship-passes** to each seminar. The students get a day-long overview of a particular aspect of the law, a seminar manual, and will also get an opportunity to network with practicing attorneys. This is a win-win situation.

- Landlord-Tenant Law in San Antonio on March 2, 2011
- Fundamentals of Employment Law in Amarillo on March 3, 2011

Visit online at www.sterlingeducation.com for information and details on this program, or call (715) 855-0495. (Do not register on the website.) **Students must register before the seminar via phone.** No walk-ins will be allowed. Only current law students may take advantage of these passes and **MUST** provide their student ID number or other proof of enrollment in order to register.

WRITING COMPETITIONS, FELLOWSHIPS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

For a copy of detailed information regarding the below writing competitions and scholarships, please email Bebe Gonzales at bgonzales@stmarytx.edu.

The **Cameron County Bar Association** is proud to announce the establishment of its Scholarship Fund. The Fund will award \$3,000 for financial assistance annually to each scholarship recipient. The applicant's financial need; personal, family, and educational background; personal statement; and participation in community service activities will be considered in selecting the recipients of the Cameron County Bar Association Scholarship. Application deadline is **March 11, 2011**. For more information and application please see <http://www.law.uh.edu/financialaid/cameron%20county.pdf>.

Zelle Hofmann is pleased to offer the **Diversity in Law Scholarship** from the National LGBT Bar Association. The Scholarship is designed to encourage and facilitate diverse students, as well as students with a proven interest in diversity-related issues, in pursuing the law as a profession. For additional information about Zelle Hofmann, please visit www.zelle.com. Applicants must be first-year law students enrolled full-time. Scholarship amount is \$30,000. Deadline to apply is **April 1, 2011**. To download application, please visit: http://lgbtbar.org/documents/Zelle_Hofmann_Voelbel_Mason_Scholarship_Application.doc

The **State Bar of Texas Law Student Division** announces its 2011 Essay Contest. This year's theme is *The Legacy of John Adams, From Boston to Guantanamo*. Explore how lawyers in the past and present have promoted justice by defending unpopular clients. Two scholarship recipients will be chosen and each will receive \$1,000. The essay contest is open to State Bar of Texas Law Student Division members only. Deadline to submit essay is **Friday, April 15, 2011**.

The **National Association of Chapter 13 Trustees** has established an annual student writing competition to encourage and reward original law student writing on issues concerning

consumer bankruptcy and the law. Entrants should submit an essay, article, or comment on an issue concerning Chapter 13 of the Bankruptcy Code. The author of the first-place essay will receive a prize of \$1000 and the essay will be published in the NACTT Quarterly. Entries must be received by **April 30, 2011**.

Nightlight Christian Adoptions announce their fourth annual 2011 Embryo Law Essay Competition. The challenge will be to write a scholarly position paper in response to a problem presented regarding embryo donation/adoption. There is a total of \$5,000.00 in prize money. To register or for more information, please visit www.embryolaw.org. Deadline to enter is **Monday, March 7, 2011**.

Notre Dame Law School Smith-Doheny Legal Ethics Writing Competition Call For Papers. Entries should concern any issue within the general category of legal ethics. Entries must be original, unpublished work and must not exceed 50 pages, including notes. Coauthored essays may be submitted. Prize money is \$2,500. Entries must be received by 5:00 p.m., **Friday, April 29, 2011**. Submit Entries to: Smith-Doheny Legal Ethics Writing Competition, Notre Dame Law School, Notre Dame, Indiana 46556. For more information, please email sumption.1@nd.edu or go to www.nd.edu/~ndlaw/writing_competitions/smith_doheny.pdf

The College of Labor and Employment Lawyers and American Bar Association Section of Labor and Employment Law announces their annual law student writing competition. First place: \$1500, second place, \$1000 and third place is \$500. Competition rules are at www.laborandemploymentcollege.org. Articles must be submitted by 5:00 p.m. CDT, **May 15, 2011**.

The **International Association of Defense Counsel** invites you to participate in its 2011 Legal Writing Contest. First prize, \$2,000, second prize is \$1,000 and third prize is \$500. Deadline for articles is **May 20, 2011**. Contest rules, writing guidelines, and entry forms can be found at www.iadclaw.org.

The ABA Section of Family Law is pleased to present its **Howard C. Schwab Memorial Essay Contest**. Applicants may submit an essay on any aspect of Family Law and entrants are encouraged to write on subjects of national interest. Additional information can be found at www.abanet.org/family/lawstudents/schwab.shtml. **Deadline** to apply is **May 20, 2011**.

Women Trial Lawyers Caucus of the American Association for Justice (AAJ) announces the Women for Justice Education Fund's 2011 Mike Eidson Scholarship. The Scholarship is awarded annually to a rising 3L (or rising 4L in a night program) female student who has demonstrated a commitment to a career as a trial lawyer, along with dedication to upholding and defending the principles of the Constitution, and to the concept of a fair trial, the adversary system, and a just result for the injured, the accused, and those whose rights are jeopardized. Application **deadline is May 31, 2011**.

The **American College of Trust and Estate Counsel** Mary Moers Wenig 2011 Student Writing Competition. First prize \$5,000; second prize \$3,000; and third prize \$1,000. Complete rules and entry forms are available at www.actec.org. **Deadline is June 1, 2011**.

The **University of Connecticut Law School** announces their legal writing competition, now in its second year. Prizes include \$750 for the first-place winner, \$500 for the second-place winner, and \$250 for the third-place winner. The competition rules and intent to enter form are available online at <http://www.law.uconn.edu/node/9541>. Deadline to apply is **June 1, 2011**.

The **American Judges Association (AJA)** announces its Twenty-Third Annual Law Student Essay Competition. Essays submitted must be under the category of “Must a minor student be given his or her rights, including a *Miranda* warning and the right to have a parent present, before being questioned by police on school grounds.” First prize is \$3,000, second prize is \$1,500, and third prize is \$1,000. Entries must be postmarked no later than **June 1, 2011**. For more information, please see <http://aja.ncsc.dni.us>.

The **American Intellectual Property Law Association (AIPLA)** presents the 2011 Robert C. Watson competition. Award is \$2,000 to the author of best the article on a subject relating to the protection of intellectual property. Award will be presented during the 2011 AIPLA annual meeting in Washington DC. For more information, visit www.aipla.org. Deadline to enter is **June 30, 2011**.

The Theodore Tannenwald, Jr. Foundation for Excellence in Tax Scholarship and The American College of Tax Counsel are pleased to announce the 2011 Tannenwald Writing Competition. The subject may be on any federal or state tax topic. First prize is \$5,000; second prize is \$2,500; and third prize is \$1,500. For competition rules, please go to www.tannenwald.org. Entry deadline is **July 1, 2011**.

The **Legal Committee of the Southeastern Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies (SEAFWA)** announces its annual writing contest. Winning paper will be published at the SEAFWA Annual Conference October 22-26, 2011 in Nashville, Tennessee. Winner will receive up to \$1,000 to defray the cost of a trip to the conference to present the paper. Deadline to submit paper is **July 31, 2011**. For information on the SEAFWA please visit www.seafwa.org.

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By VMM

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HISPANIC LAW ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Scholarships and Grants Announcement

The **Hispanic Law Alumni Association** is proud to announce the availability of **law school scholarships** and **bar study grants** for 2L/3L students. The scholarship and grant awards will be based on merit and proven financial need. The completed applications are **due on March 21, 2011 no later than 5:00 p.m.**, by email attachment. Recipients of the awards and grants will be selected shortly thereafter by committee process and award monies will be disbursed at the annual Henry B. Gonzalez Awards Dinner. This year the **dinner will take place on April 1, 2010** at the Marriott Plaza San Antonio. Any questions regarding the application process for either the scholarships or the grant should be directed to: Professor Mike Martinez, Jr. at mmartinez17@stmarytx.edu.

RESEARCH FELLOWS NEEDED

The Center for Terrorism Law at St. Mary's University School of Law is seeking 2L students for Research Fellows for the remainder of the spring semester and into the following year. The goal of the Center is to examine current and potential legal issues related to terrorism in light of the challenge of achieving and maintaining a proper balance between global security and civil justice. This goal is pursued through professional exchanges such as symposia and consultations; writing, commenting on, and publishing written materials; and ensuring access to extensive information resources regarding terrorism. Research is conducted in a variety of associated areas and relates to defining terrorism, war powers, civil liberty concerns, Congressional powers, Executive powers, cooperative law enforcement, military support to law enforcement, Department of Defense responsibilities, Department of Homeland Security, and criminal prosecutions of terrorists.

If you are **interested in becoming a Research Fellow** with the Center, come by the state-of-the-art facility located in the Raba Building before **March 11, 2011** and see Operations Chief Faithe Campbell or Senior Research Fellow Katie Harmon.

LINDA AND DAVE SCHLUETER FIRST YEAR MOOT COURT COMPETITION STUDENT JUDGE FORM

If you are interested in **volunteering to be a student judge**, please fill out and return the student judge form, available online on the Board of Advocates TWEN page and also in hard copy in the folder outside the BOA office in Raba (between the vending machines and Sister Grace's office) before **Wednesday, March 9th**, indicating which dates are preferable. The dates for this year's Linda and Dave Schlueter First Year Moot Court Competition are March 21st-25th and the time commitment is 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. If you have any questions, please contact Lauren Alberts at Lauren.e.alberts@gmail.com or Ben Zimmerman at benjamin.t.zimmerman@gmail.com.

SPEAKER FOR THE INSTITUTE ON CHINESE LAW AND BUSINESS

Elisa Chan

Councilwoman for District 9

City of San Antonio

Ms. Elisa Chan represents District 9 on the City Council of San Antonio. She leads the City's efforts to develop economic and cultural relations with China. Ms. Chan will speak about San Antonio's China initiatives. All students, faculty and staff are invited to attend on **Tuesday, March 22, 2011, 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.** in the **Alumni Room** of the Sarita Kenedy East Law Library. Lunch will be provided.

COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS INTERNSHIP

A **summer internship** with the Staff Attorneys' Office at the **Court of Criminal Appeals** in Austin, Texas is available for a limited number of students during the summer of 2011. Students who are selected for the program will work under the supervision of staff attorneys on criminal appeals, petitions for discretionary review and habeas corpus petitions. Those interested in applying should **send a resume and a cover letter to Professor Schmolesky in Room 224** of the Law Faculty Building. In the letter please indicate if you have any preference for first or second summer session. Students will receive 2 pass/fail credits upon successful completion of the program that requires a minimum of 120 hours of work. Students will receive credit as if for a course offered on the home campus rather than transient credit and accepted students will be required to pay tuition to the law school for their participation in the program. Preference will be given to students who have completed 2 years of law school, but students who have completed their first year may apply. The **deadline for applications is 12 noon on Friday, March 25, 2011**. Students who have previously expressed an interest in this program should reaffirm their interest by contacting Professor Schmolesky in writing.

2011 MEXICAN-AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION OF TEXAS LAW STUDENT CONFERENCE

March 25-26, 2011

St. Mary's University School of Law
Atrium in the Law Administration Building

Network with Attorneys and Judges
Scholarship Opportunities for Law Student Attendees

Friday, March 25, 2011

5:30 p.m. – Cocktail reception with Judges and Attorneys, co-sponsored by the Law Office of Javier Espinoza P.C. (719 South Flores, Ste. 100, San Antonio, Texas, 78204)

Saturday, March 26, 2011

9:00 a.m. – Opening Remarks by Law School Dean Charles E. Cantú

9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. —Continuing Legal Education Programs

12:00 p.m. – Luncheon co-sponsored by MABA-San Antonio and St. Mary's Hispanic Law Alumni Association

1:00 p.m. – Scholarship Presentation by Benny Agosto, MABA-TX Foundation President and HNBA President Elect

The following named individuals have tentatively confirmed their attendance: Sen. Carlos Uresti, Rep. Joaquin Castro, Rep. Trey Martinez Fischer, Judge Antonia Arteaga, Judge Juanita

Vasquez Gardner, Judge Victor Negron, Judge Irene Rios, Judge David Rodriguez, and Judge Lori Valenzuela, among others.

Free for MABA-Texas members, members of MABA-Texas affiliate organizations, members of St. Mary's Hispanic Law Alumni Association, and law students. To register email Paul Torres at paul@torreslawpc.com or visit www.mabatexas.com. Information is also available at www.stmarytx.edu/law under the Current Students/SBA tab.

ST. MARY'S LAW JOURNAL SELECTS VOLUME 43 LEADERSHIP TEAM

The *St. Mary's Law Journal* Editorial Board is proud to announce the selection of the Volume 43 Leadership Team. Please join us in congratulating these accomplished individuals.

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ORDER OF BARRISTERS APPLICATIONS

The **Order of Barristers** is a national honorary organization whose purpose is the encouragement of oral advocacy and brief writing skills. The Order – which is **open only to graduating third-year law students** – provides national recognition for individuals who have excelled in advocacy and service at their respective schools. St. Mary's School of Law is permitted to select **ten new members** each year. If you are interested in being considered for The Order of Barristers, please pick up an application form from Professor Dave Schlueter, Chairman

of the Faculty Advocacy Committee, LFB 270. **The applications will be posted on his office door, beginning March 8th.** The faculty's Advocacy Committee will review and select the new members and announce their names at the **Barristers' Ball** on Friday, April 15, 2011. These applications will also be used, in part, to determine the recipients of the various faculty awards for outstanding advocacy. Please note that seeking or obtaining advice or assistance from any faculty member (full time, visiting, or adjunct) other than the Chair of the Advocacy Committee (Professor Schlueter) concerning your application or its contents is strictly prohibited. **All completed applications must be returned to Professor Schlueter's office no later than NOON on Monday, March 28, 2011.**

\$100 BOOK DISCOUNT FOR REGISTERNG FOR INNSBRUCK PROGRAM

All students who register for the **2011 Innsbruck Institute on World Legal Problems** on or before **March 25, 2011, will receive a \$100 gift certificate** redeemable at the St. Mary's Bookstore for use on the purchase of all books and materials required or recommended for courses taught at the 26th annual program this July. If any amount remains on the certificate after purchasing the required books for Innsbruck courses, the student may use that remaining amount to offset the cost of books and materials for courses at the home campus. If you have any questions, please contact either Professor Gerald S. Reamey or Professor Michael Ariens, the co-directors of the 2011 Program.

WANT TO GO TO INNSBRUCK BUT DON'T HAVE THE MONEY?

Sarah Thompson Memorial Scholarship

St. Mary's law students who are **interested in attending Innsbruck** this summer are invited to apply for this scholarship. This scholarship was established by the family of Sarah Thompson who was a vocal fan of the Innsbruck program and encouraged all those around her to attend. Sarah was a second year law student at St. Mary's who was tragically killed. All applications are due to **Sr. Grace Walle by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, March 25, 2011.** Please submit either a hard copy to her office, LF 106, or by email to gwall@stmarytx.edu (please type Sarah Thompson Memorial Scholarship in the subject line). Scholarship recipients will be **announced by April 1, 2011** and the two winners will receive \$500 and \$1,000 respectively. Recipients are chosen by a committee based on writing ability and persuasiveness. Please pick up the application at one of the bulletin boards on campus, from Sr. Grace Walle or on the Innsbruck website.

Professor Flint Fund

The Professor Flint Fund was established by Professor Flint and Sr. Grace to assist St. Mary's law school students who wish to attend the Innsbruck program. Students who are interested in applying for the Professor Flint Fund should pick up an application from the bulletin boards on campus, Sr. Grace Walle or on the Innsbruck website. Applications must be submitted **to Sr. Grace prior to March 25, 2011.** Please submit either a hard copy to her office, LF 106, or by email to gwall@stmarytx.edu (please put Flint Fund in the subject line).

Emiliano Infante Segrera Scholarship

This scholarship is offered through the generous support of Mr. Emil R. Infante, Esq. LL.M who is a 2000 graduate of St. Mary's University School of Law and a former attendee of the Innsbruck program. Students must be currently enrolled in St. Mary's University School of Law who are in good standing and eligible to attend the Innsbruck program. Students must submit a hard copy of their letter of application by **5:00 pm, May 1, 2011 to Prof. Gerald Reamey, LFB 226** or by placing it in his faculty mailbox in Raba. Students can pick up a hard copy of the scholarship from the bulletin boards on campus, Prof. Gerald Reamey or on the Innsbruck website.

SUMMER AND FALL 2011 REGISTRATION

Registration for Summer 2011 and Fall 2011 will begin March 28, 2011.

Rising 3L, current 2L, will register beginning at 8:00 am on Monday, March 28, 2011 and will continue to register through midnight March 30, 2011.

Rising 2L, current 1L, will register beginning at 8:00 am on Thursday, March 31, 2011 and will continue to register through midnight April 2, 2011.

All year groups will register beginning at 8:00 am April 4, 2011 and continue through April 8, 2011.

Registration for spring 2012 will take place in November.

Be sure all business office holds are resolved before registration. A hold will prevent access to registration.

1Ls should plan to attend one of **the registration meetings** to receive information about registration:

Monday March 7, 2011 at 12:00pm in LC 102

Wednesday March 23, 2011 at 3:00pm in LC 102 – Section A

Wednesday March 23, 2011 at 1:30pm in Raba 107 – Section B

Tuesday March 22, 2011 at 3:30pm in LC 102 – Section C

Students may attend any of the sessions, but must attend one.

Questions should be directed to Catherine Mery at cmery@stmarytx.edu

SUBMITTING PRO BONO/COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS

You may submit your logged Pro Bono or Community Service hours after each volunteer event or (preferably) after collecting at least a few hours at a few events on one form. You may submit your hours tracking form (found on the Pro Bono TWEN page under "Submitting & Tracking Your Hours" and from the Pro Bono desk in Raba) one of three ways:

1. In person at the Pro Bono Table in Raba, Mondays from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. or Tuesdays from 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.; or
2. Leaving the form in the Pro Bono drop box hanging on the wall just to the right of Sister Grace's office door; or
3. Sending a scanned version via email to StMarysProBono@gmail.com.

GRADUATING THIS SPRING 2011?

All students set to graduate this spring 2011 who believe they are **eligible for the Pro Bono Certificate and/or Community Service Achievement Recognition** must send an email to StMarysProBono@gmail.com by March 31, 2011, with the following items:

1. Name.
2. Student ID Number.
3. Indicating May 2011 as your expected graduation.
4. Whether you completed and submitted at least 50 hours towards Pro Bono and/or Community Service. (**Indicate one or both.**) If you have questions regarding the number of hours previously submitted (i.e., to verify your eligibility for the Certificate and/or Achievement Recognition), include the following information:
5. The semester you started collecting/submitted hours (i.e., usually your 1L first semester).
6. How many hours you believe or think you should have.

If you have questions, you will receive a response (depending on the number of requests received); if you do not have any questions (or do not include any of the above information) a response will not be sent.

Note: If you were/are enrolled in (and successfully completed) any of the St. Mary's Legal Clinical Education Program classes, you are automatically eligible for the Pro Bono Certificate; there is no need to submit the above requested information.

Again, please send all email to StMarysProBono@gmail.com.

OFFICE OF CAREER SERVICES

Second Career Law Students: Celebrate Chronological Enrichment

Wednesday, March 9, 2011, 5:10 – 6:10 p.m., Law Alumni Room, Dinner will be served.

Speaker: Susan Gainen, Pass the Baton, LLC

This one-hour program will:

- banish the notion that “I am the only Old One in my class;”
- removes “Why did you come to law school?” from the Attack Question category;
- covers the advantages and pitfalls in building on a previous career, expecting raises, promotions, autonomy, responsibility, and/or minimal supervision because of age alone;
- discusses the possibility and forms of age discrimination, how to cope, and where to go for

- help;
- demonstrates how a Chronologically Enriched Law Student can be a bonus hire (with the right credentials and the right attitude) and
- Assist those who have military experience to help parlay that into civilian positions.

Discuss how to attack your resume and interview with all of the vast and past experiences you have before law school. This event is co-sponsored by BarBri and the ESBA.

How to Get a Job After Law School: The Unclassified Story
Wednesday, March 23, 2011, 12:00 – 1:00 p.m., Law Alumni Room
 Presented by the TYLA Law Student Outreach Committee
 Lunch will be served.

The Law Student Outreach (LSO) Committee for the Texas Young Lawyers Association is pleased to present a luncheon seminar this spring semester to discuss creative and innovative ways in which law school graduates can land a job after graduation. Attorneys representing multiple practice areas across Texas will offer guidance in a laid-back open forum that will encourage students to dialogue with attorneys and learn how they found their way into their first job out of law school.

SABA Mentoring Program and St. Mary's University School of Law presents Justice Phylis Speedlin on Appellate Briefs and Oral Argument
Tuesday, March 29, 2011, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m., Law Alumni Room, Dinner will be served.

Justice Phylis Speedlin will discuss appellate briefs and oral arguments. All students are welcome but an RSVP is required. SABA will offer a 1 hour CLE credit to those in attendance. All 2011 graduates that attend can apply for credit. Credit is good for one year.

Practicing Law and Wellness: Modern Strategies for Lawyers Dealing With Anxiety, Addiction, and Depression

Date Time Location, A sit-down lunch will be served.

Speakers are Allan K. DuBois, Law Office of Allan K. Dubois and Thomas G. Keyser, Attorney at Law

This program offers .75 hr of ethics CLE. CLE is good for one year so you will be able to use the credit after you are barred. THIS EVENT IS ONLY OPEN TO CLASS OF 2011 GRADUATES.

Please RSVP for any of the above workshops in the Events Section of Symplicity under Workshops. <https://law-stmarytx-csm.symplicity.com/students/> It is important to RSVP. Those who do will be allowed to eat first; the rest will be able to attend the program but will be asked to wait until the end to eat what has remained.

HOW TO SET-UP A GMAIL ACCOUNT TO RETRIEVE ST. MARY'S EMAIL

Many students are forwarding their St. Mary's Email to a third party email provider and in particular to Gmail. It is recommended that those students who are forwarding to third party email

providers to remove the forwarding and follow the below instructions. Doing so will allow Gmail to receive a copy of your St. Mary's email as well as leave a copy on the St. Mary's email server. Below are instructions and a link to Gmail's instructions for your convenience.

<http://mail.google.com/support/bin/answer.py?answer=21289>

To set up Mail Fetcher for Gmail:

1. Log into Gateway, <https://gateway.stmarytx.edu>, and remove any email address that is located in the forward email area.
2. Go to [Gmail](#) and click on **Options** then **Mail Settings** at the top of any Gmail page.
3. Open the **Accounts and Import** tab.
4. In the Check mail using POP3 section, **click Add POP3 email account**.
5. Enter the full email address of the account you'd like to access and then click Next Step.
6. Enter or verify your St. Mary's Email User Name and Password.

Gmail will populate sample settings, but use the POP Server: mail.stmarytx.edu Port: 110

7. Select the **Leave a copy of retrieved messages on the server** checkbox. This way, you can access mail in your other accounts and in Gmail.
8. Decide whether to:
Always use a secure connection (SSL) when retrieving mail Label incoming messages Archive incoming messages
9. Click Add Account
10. Once your account has been added successfully, you'll have the option of setting it as a custom From address. This allows you to compose messages in Gmail, but have them appear to be sent from your other email account.

Please direct any questions or concerns to the St. Mary's Law Computer Administration Department at lawtech.stmarytx.edu or (210) 431-6721.

FIESTA FAREWELL

Fiesta Farewell will honor the **Class of 2011** as "Almost Alumni" on **Monday, April 11, 2011**. The program **will begin at 12:00 p.m.** in the **Law School Plaza**. Remarks will be given by Charles E. Cantú, J.D., M.C.L., L.L.M., Dean and St. Mary's University Distinguished South Texas Professor of Law. Presentation of various awards and Blessing of Third Year Students will be given. Everyone is invited to a fiesta lunch and service awards. Graduation picture will

follow the program. All graduating seniors are asked to dress appropriately for the photo op.

LAW STUDENT PARTICIPATION NEEDED FOR RESEARCH STUDY

Abigayl Perelman, a 5th year doctoral student in the Clinical Psychology department at the University of Alabama is currently conducting dissertation research that examines law students' attitudes and beliefs toward treatment programs for juvenile offenders. An important focus of this research is the attitudes and beliefs of legal professionals. Past research on this topic has neglected legal professionals—what they know and feel about the “best practices” for offender rehabilitation. Interested in opinions of **1Ls, 2Ls, and 3Ls, even if you don't plan to go into criminal law.** By participating in the study, you will a) learn about the latest research on juvenile justice b) help produce cutting edge data on law students' perspectives, and c) earn money for organizations that matter. **In return for your participation, the project will donate \$1 per participant to the American Bar Association-Law Student Division or National Legal Aid and Defender Association.** If you choose to participate, you will be asked to complete online questionnaires and watch an online presentation (with audio). This study requires that you have uninterrupted access to a computer with Internet access for the entire 60 minutes. Please consider this opportunity. It is a great way to play a vital role in shaping public policy and juvenile justice research. In addition, those who may be interested in a summary of results upon completion of the project may enter their email address during the beginning of the study. **If you would like to participate, please email the following address that simply states you are “interested in completing the study” and give your university affiliation.** You do **NOT** need to provide your name or any additional information: Send your response to: uapsychresearcher@gmail.com or visit <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/dissertationrecruitmentinfo>. For questions about this research, contact Abigayl Perelman at amperelman@crimson.ua.edu.

TEXAS BOARD OF LAW EXAMINERS – FILING DEADLINES

<u>Examination Dates</u>	<u>File No Earlier Than</u>	<u>Timely Postmark Deadline</u>	<u>Absolute Postmark Deadline</u>
February	June 30	August 30	October 30
July	November 30	January 30	March 30

INTERNATIONAL BAR ASSOCIATION

The below information is provided by the new **International Bar Association (IBA)** student membership scheme; as it is a project with particular relevance to law students.

The IBA, established in 1947, is the world's leading organization of international legal practitioners, bar associations and law societies. The IBA influences the development of international law reform and shapes the future of the legal profession throughout the world, whilst providing its members with unique international networking and professional development opportunities. Through our **new student membership initiative** the IBA aims to enhance the study of law, by giving students access to the extensive range of academic and professional materials produced by the IBA - resources which are only available to IBA members. As well as

some content specifically for students, such as opportunities to have work published, and competitions; all for the nominal charge of £20. Additionally **IBA membership covers a broad range of international legal practitioners**, providing students with the opportunity to familiarize themselves with future employers. Our membership includes top international law firms such as: White & Case LLP, Simpson Thacher Bartlett LLP, Kirkland & Ellis LLP, Davis Polk & Wardwell LLP, Clifford Chance, Allen & Overy LLP, Slaughter and May, Linklaters, and Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer LLP; as well as 195 bar associations and law societies; over 45,000 individual lawyers; over 1,000 corporate counsel members representing hundreds of multinational corporations including Coca-Cola, IBM, Exxon-Mobil and AT&T; and now law students. If you are interested in joining the IBA link to our website:

http://www.ibanet.org/PPID/Constituent/Student_Committee/Default.aspx And further information about the benefits of IBA student membership:
http://www.ibanet.org/PPID/Constituent/Student_Committee/why_join.aspx

WRITING COMPETITIONS, FELLOWSHIPS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

For a copy of detailed information regarding the below writing competitions and scholarships, please email Bebe Gonzales at bgonzales@stmarytx.edu.

The **Cameron County Bar Association** is proud to announce the establishment of its Scholarship Fund. The Fund will award \$3,000 for financial assistance annually to each scholarship recipient. The applicant's financial need; personal, family, and educational background; personal statement; and participation in community service activities will be considered in selecting the recipients of the Cameron County Bar Association Scholarship. Application deadline is **March 11, 2011**. For more information and application please see <http://www.law.uh.edu/financialaid/cameron%20county.pdf>.

Zelle Hofmann is pleased to offer the **Diversity in Law Scholarship** from the National LGBT Bar Association. The Scholarship is designed to encourage and facilitate diverse students, as well as students with a proven interest in diversity-related issues, in pursuing the law as a profession. For additional information about Zelle Hofmann, please visit www.zelle.com. Applicants must be first-year law students enrolled full-time. Scholarship amount is \$30,000. Deadline to apply is **April 1, 2011**. To download application, please visit: http://lgbtbar.org/documents/Zelle_Hofmann_Voelbel_Mason_Scholarship_Application.doc

The **State Bar of Texas Law Student Division** announces its 2011 Essay Contest. This year's theme is *The Legacy of John Adams, From Boston to Guantanamo*. Explore how lawyers in the past and present have promoted justice by defending unpopular clients. Two scholarship recipients will be chosen and each will receive \$1,000. The essay contest is open to State Bar of Texas Law Student Division members only. Deadline to submit essay is **Friday, April 15, 2011**.

The **National Association of Chapter 13 Trustees** has established an annual student writing competition to encourage and reward original law student writing on issues concerning consumer bankruptcy and the law. Entrants should submit an essay, article, or comment on an issue concerning Chapter 13 of the Bankruptcy Code. The author of the first-place essay will receive a prize of \$1000 and the essay will be published in the NACTT Quarterly. Entries must

be received by **April 30, 2011**.

Nightlight Christian Adoptions announce their fourth annual 2011 Embryo Law Essay Competition. The challenge will be to write a scholarly position paper in response to a problem presented regarding embryo donation/adoption. There is a total of \$5,000.00 in prize money. To register or for more information, please visit www.embryolaw.org. Deadline to enter is **Monday, March 7, 2011**.

Notre Dame Law School Smith-Doheny Legal Ethics Writing Competition Call For Papers. Entries should concern any issue within the general category of legal ethics. Entries must be original, unpublished work and must not exceed 50 pages, including notes. Coauthored essays may be submitted. Prize money is \$2,500. Entries must be received by 5:00 p.m., **Friday, April 29, 2011**. Submit Entries to: Smith-Doheny Legal Ethics Writing Competition, Notre Dame Law School, Notre Dame, Indiana 46556. For more information, please email sumption.1@nd.edu or go to www.nd.edu/~ndlaw/writing_competitions/smith_doheny.pdf

The College of Labor and Employment Lawyers and American Bar Association Section of Labor and Employment Law announces their annual law student writing competition. First place: \$1500, second place, \$1000 and third place is \$500. Competition rules are at www.laborandemploymentcollege.org. Articles must be submitted by 5:00 p.m. CDT, **May 15, 2011**.

The **International Association of Defense Counsel** invites you to participate in its 2011 Legal Writing Contest. First prize, \$2,000, second prize is \$1,000 and third prize is \$500. Deadline for articles is **May 20, 2011**. Contest rules, writing guidelines, and entry forms can be found at www.iadclaw.org.

NEW – The **Judge John R. Brown Scholarship Foundation** is pleased to announce the eighteenth annual *Brown Award* to recognize *Excellence in Legal Writing* in the United States. This year the stipend for the winner is \$10,000. Deadline for submission is **May 20, 2011**.

The ABA Section of Family Law is pleased to present its **Howard C. Schwab Memorial Essay Contest**. Applicants may submit an essay on any aspect of Family Law and entrants are encouraged to write on subjects of national interest. Additional information can be found at www.abanet.org/family/lawstudents/schwab.shtml. **Deadline** to apply is **May 20, 2011**.

Women Trial Lawyers Caucus of the American Association for Justice (AAJ) announces the Women for Justice Education Fund's 2011 Mike Eidson Scholarship. The Scholarship is awarded annually to a rising 3L (or rising 4L in a night program) female student who has demonstrated a commitment to a career as a trial lawyer, along with dedication to upholding and defending the principles of the Constitution, and to the concept of a fair trial, the adversary system, and a just result for the injured, the accused, and those whose rights are jeopardized. Application **deadline is May 31, 2011**.

The **American College of Trust and Estate Counsel** Mary Moers Wenig 2011 Student Writing Competition. First prize \$5,000; second prize \$3,000; and third prize \$1,000. Complete rules and entry forms are available at www.actec.org. Deadline is **June 1, 2011**.

The **University of Connecticut Law School** announces their legal writing competition, now in its second year. Prizes include \$750 for the first-place winner, \$500 for the second-place winner, and \$250 for the third-place winner. The competition rules and intent to enter form are available online at <http://www.law.uconn.edu/node/9541>. Deadline to apply is **June 1, 2011**.

The **American Judges Association** (AJA) announces its Twenty-Third Annual Law Student Essay Competition. Essays submitted must be under the category of “Must a minor student be given his or her rights, including a *Miranda* warning and the right to have a parent present, before being questioned by police on school grounds.” First prize is \$3,000, second prize is \$1,500, and third prize is \$1,000. Entries must be postmarked no later than **June 1, 2011**. For more information, please see <http://aja.ncsc.dni.us>.

The **American Intellectual Property Law Association** (AIPLA) presents the 2011 Robert C. Watson competition. Award is \$2,000 to the author of best the article on a subject relating to the protection of intellectual property. Award will be presented during the 2011 AIPLA annual meeting in Washington DC. For more information, visit www.aipla.org. Deadline to enter is **June 30, 2011**.

The Theodore Tannenwald, Jr. Foundation for Excellence in Tax Scholarship and The American College of Tax Counsel are pleased to announce the 2011 Tannenwald Writing Competition. The subject may be on any federal or state tax topic. First prize is \$5,000; second prize is \$2,500; and third prize is \$1,500. For competition rules, please go to www.tannenwald.org. Entry deadline is **July 1, 2011**.

The **Legal Committee of the Southeastern Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies** (SEAFWA) announces its annual writing contest. Winning paper will be published at the SEAFWA Annual Conference October 22-26, 2011 in Nashville, Tennessee. Winner will receive up to \$1,000 to defray the cost of a trip to the conference to present the paper. Deadline to submit paper is **July 31, 2011**. For information on the SEAFWA please visit www.seafwa.org.

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By VMM

Submit articles to be published to Ms. Bebe Gonzales (bgonzales@stmarytx.edu) in electronic format by noon Thursday

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BLSA MOCK TRIAL TEAM

This past weekend the St. Mary's Black Law Student Association (BLSA) mock trial team, composed of **Christian Johnson, Brian Cromeens, Lauren Cadilac, and Heather Marcus**, competed in the annual national BLSA Mock Trial Competition in Houston, Texas. The team beat Kentucky in the first preliminary round, and then the District of Columbia School of Law in the second preliminary round. The team beat Georgetown University in the quarterfinals and Nova Southeastern in the semi-finals, which placed them in the finals round as top seed. They lost in that round to the University of Memphis, completing this national competition as First Runner-Up. **Please join us in congratulating the team, and their coach**, Adjunct Professor **Darryl Harris**, for their fine showing, hard work, and dedication, in Houston.

KAPLAN \$500 GIFT CERTIFICATE WINNER

Congratulations to Shekinah Hammonds who had the winning bid for the Kaplan \$500 Gift Certificate benefitting the China Pioneer Scholarship Program!

Law Ministry thanks Kaplan for their generous donation and to all of those who submitted bids, as well as APALSA and Sister Grace's office for administering the contest.

THE OIL, GAS AND ENERGY RESOURCES LAW SOCIETY

The **Oil, Gas and Energy Resources Law Society** was recently approved and is actively looking for new members. The Society's mission is to educate students about oil, gas and energy resources law issues and to create a forum for students to network with attorneys and law firms that work in each field.

If you are interested in joining or learning more about the Society please contact John Schulte at schulteiii@gmail.com or Parks Brown at parksbrown@hotmail.com.

HISPANIC LAW ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Scholarships and Grants Announcement

The **Hispanic Law Alumni Association** is proud to announce the availability of **law school scholarships** and **bar study grants** for 2L/3L students. The scholarship and grant awards will be based on merit and proven financial need. The completed applications are **due on March 21, 2011 no later than 5:00 p.m.**, by email attachment. Recipients of the awards and grants will be selected shortly thereafter by committee process and award monies will be disbursed at the annual Henry B. Gonzalez Awards Dinner. This year the **dinner will take place on April 1, 2010** at the Marriott Plaza San Antonio. Any questions regarding the application process for either the scholarships or the grant should be directed to: Professor Mike Martinez, Jr. at mmartinez17@stmarytx.edu.

AN OPEN LETTER FROM YOUR STUDENT BAR ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT



Dear St. Mary's Law Students, Faculty, and Administration,

Before we race ahead into the end of the semester, I would like to reach out to all of you with a quick recap of the year. Currently our law school has over 30 professional student organizations and this year we added five new organizations, which include the Military Law Association, Student Animal Legal Defense, Phi Alpha Delta, Oil, Energy, & Renewal Resources Society, and Phi Theta Phi. I want all of our organizations to get the recognition they deserve for **going above and beyond for this law school**. Because of these organizations students are constantly provided with a chance to network and learn from legal scholars, attorneys, and judges.

A major priority for SBA was to increase communication among the law school and I can truly say that we immensely improved on this objective. SBA now has its [own website](#) located on the law school's website and this includes our helpful, [Universal Calendar](#). The Universal Calendar serves as a single place for students, faculty, and administration to discover the numerous events on our campus. We also started "SBA Table Days" whereby students could interact with SBA elected members and enjoy some complimentary coffee and treats.

Another wonderful highlight of the year consisted of SBA's relationship with both the Office of Career Services and Academic Support. Dean Bracey and Director Patrick are committed to locating jobs for law students. They not only reach out to SBA, but are active with multiple organizations. This year SBA partnered up with OCS in our annual, "What I Did Last Summer" panel and Amanda Ellis' presentation, "The 6P's in Social Networking." Additionally, SBA hosted the Bexar County Court Reporters and Attorney Ken Nunley in an informational session for students interested in trial advocacy.

There is no doubt that passing the bar is a major concern for all law students, but no one is more committed to ensure that YOU pass the bar than the office of Academic Support. SBA meets and works with Academic Support throughout the year, so that we can spread the word about all the magnificent programs offered for law students. Most recently, Academic Support was essential in obtaining the Essay Advantage Program and also in setting up the upcoming MBE Workshop. SBA will continue to work with Academic Support and help further their mission to increase our bar passage rate.

Over the past three years, I have been given the opportunity to serve this law school in such a rewarding capacity. It has been a pleasure to work with student leaders who care about our law school and are equally passionate about making a difference within our legal community. I want to thank both the faculty and administration, which continue to support the mission of this law school and its students. SBA would also like to thank the faculty for keeping law students involved in the Faculty Appointments Committee; we greatly appreciate being a part of this process. To be honest, one letter is not sufficient to outline the entire year, but I hope this offers a

glimpse of what SBA and our student organizations accomplish throughout our law school campus.

Lastly, I would like to urge students to continue to stay involved and care about this law school. Remember, we can rise over the rest through our hard work and integrity. Believe me, the legal community recognizes and respects St. Mary's Law students. We are a unique, close knit community that is devoted to being great lawyers and I have no doubt that our law school will continue to advance because of our efforts. As May approaches, I am proud to be graduating from St. Mary's Law and will continue to support the law school in any way possible after graduation. Good luck to everyone and have a great end of the year.

Sincerely,



Shelly Enyart
President, Student Bar Association, Class of 2011'

SPEAKER FOR THE INSTITUTE ON CHINESE LAW AND BUSINESS

Elisa Chan
Councilwoman for District 9
City of San Antonio

Ms. Elisa Chan represents District 9 on the City Council of San Antonio. She leads the City's efforts to develop economic and cultural relations with China. Ms. Chan will speak about San Antonio's China initiatives. All students, faculty and staff are invited to attend on **Tuesday, March 22, 2011, 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.** in the **Alumni Room** of the Sarita Kenedy East Law Library. Lunch will be provided.

ACADEMIC COURSE ADVISING FOR DAY PROGRAM 1Ls

(Mandatory for all Day Program 1Ls in the bottom quartile)

The Office of Academic Support will be offering course advising to all 1Ls in the Day Program before registration begins for the summer and fall 2011 semesters. Sign up for an advising appointment today by contacting Alice Contreras at academicsupport@stmarytx.eu, or (210) 431-4340, or stop by our office in Raba 106.

NOTE: This advising appointment is mandatory for all day program 1Ls in the bottom quartile of the class. If you are required to attend this advising appointment in order to register for your summer and fall 2011 courses, you will have received a letter in your student mailbox in the Law Classroom Building. Please check your mailbox immediately.

FALL 2011 ACADEMIC SCHOLAR APPLICATIONS

The Office of Academic Support is **seeking second- and third-year law students** to serve as **Academic Scholars** to teach skills to first-year students during the fall 2011 semester. Prospective Scholars should be conscientious, possess a personal standard of academic excellence, work well with students from diverse educational backgrounds, communicate effectively, and exhibit a desire to teach and learn.

QUALIFICATIONS

1. Be currently enrolled at St. Mary's.
2. Be interested in teaching basic law school skills to a diverse group of 1Ls.
3. Be conscientious and creative.
4. Be able to demonstrate academic achievement.

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Scholars are expected to lead weekly classes or hold individual meetings depending on the needs of students and time of year. Scholars will receive a \$1,250.00 stipend for the semester. For an application, please visit the Office of Academic Support in Raba 106E. For more information, please call Director Kathryn Tullos at 210-436-3541.

All applications are due in the Office of Academic Support by **4:00 p.m. on Friday, April 8, 2011.**

***THE SCHOLAR* ANNOUNCES 2011-2012 EDITORIAL BOARD**

The Scholar: St. Mary's Law Review on Minority Issues is pleased to announce the following individuals have been selected for the 2011-2012 Editorial Board:

Cheryl Auster
Editor in Chief

Christopher Konneker
Managing Executive Editor

Aaron Eckman
Solicitations & Symposium Editor

Drea Bjornson
Executive Editor

Jessica Hanes
Executive Editor

Vicky Wu
Associate Editor

Erica Mirehouse
Associate Editor

Ling Han
Associate Editor

Congratulations to those selected. We appreciate your dedication to our mission.

COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS INTERNSHIP

A **summer internship** with the Staff Attorneys' Office at the **Court of Criminal Appeals** in Austin, Texas is available for a limited number of students during the summer of 2011. Students who are selected for the program will work under the supervision of staff attorneys on criminal appeals, petitions for discretionary review and habeas corpus petitions. Those interested in applying should **send a resume and a cover letter to Professor Schmolesky in Room 224** of the Law Faculty Building. In the letter please indicate if you have any preference for first or second summer session. Students will receive 2 pass/fail credits upon successful completion of the program that requires a minimum of 120 hours of work. Students will receive credit as if for a course offered on the home campus rather than transient credit and accepted students will be required to pay tuition to the law school for their participation in the program. Preference will be given to students who have completed 2 years of law school, but students who have completed their first year may apply. The **deadline for applications is 12 noon on Friday, March 25, 2011**. Students who have previously expressed an interest in this program should reaffirm their interest by contacting Professor Schmolesky in writing.

2011 MEXICAN-AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION OF TEXAS LAW STUDENT CONFERENCE

March 25-26, 2011

St. Mary's University School of Law
Atrium in the Law Administration Building

Network with Attorneys and Judges
Scholarship Opportunities for Law Student Attendees

Friday, March 25, 2011

5:30 p.m. – Cocktail reception with Judges and Attorneys, co-sponsored by the Law Office of Javier Espinoza P.C. (719 South Flores, Ste. 100, San Antonio, Texas, 78204)

Saturday, March 26, 2011

9:00 a.m. – Opening Remarks by Law School Dean Charles E. Cantú

9:30 a.m. –12:00 p.m.—Continuing Legal Education Programs

12:00 p.m. – Luncheon co-sponsored by MABA-San Antonio and St. Mary's Hispanic Law Alumni Association

1:00 p.m. – Scholarship Presentation by Benny Agosto, MABA-TX Foundation President and HNBA President Elect

The following named individuals have tentatively confirmed their attendance: Sen. Carlos Uresti, Rep. Joaquin Castro, Rep. Trey Martinez Fischer, Judge Antonia Arteaga, Judge Juanita Vasquez Gardner, Judge Victor Negron, Judge Irene Rios, Judge David Rodriguez, and Judge Lori Valenzuela, among others.

Free for MABA-Texas members, members of MABA-Texas affiliate organizations, members of St. Mary's Hispanic Law Alumni Association, and law students. To register email Paul Torres at paul@torreslawpc.com or visit www.mabatexas.com. Information is also

available at www.stmarytx.edu/law under the Current Students/SBA tab.

2011 HISPANIC LAW STUDENTS ASSOCIATION ANNUAL SPRING BANQUET

The Hispanic Law Students Association invite you to their annual Spring Banquet to be held on **Saturday, March 26, 2011, Crowne Plaza Riverwalk, 111 East Pecan**, San Antonio, Texas, 78205. Cocktails at 6:00 p.m. followed by dinner and ceremony at 7:00 p.m. Silent auction will be held throughout the evening. Honorees this year are:

Reynaldo A. Valencia
St. Mary's University School of Law
Associate Dean and Professor of Law

and

Nina Perales
Mexican American Legal Defense and Education Fund
Director of Litigation

Single Ticket: \$60
Table (10 seats): \$500
Law Student (non-HLSA member): \$30
Free for all paid HLSA members!

Please RSVP to hernandezguill@gmail.com by March 22, 2011.

ORDER OF BARRISTERS APPLICATIONS

The **Order of Barristers** is a national honorary organization whose purpose is the encouragement of oral advocacy and brief writing skills. The Order – which is **open only to graduating third-year law students** – provides national recognition for individuals who have excelled in advocacy and service at their respective schools. St. Mary's School of Law is permitted to select **ten new members** each year. If you are interested in being considered for The Order of Barristers, please pick up an application form from Professor Dave Schlueter, Chairman of the Faculty Advocacy Committee, LFB 270. The faculty's Advocacy Committee will review and select the new members and announce their names at the **Barristers' Ball** on Friday, April 15, 2011. These applications will also be used, in part, to determine the recipients of the various faculty awards for outstanding advocacy. Please note that seeking or obtaining advice or assistance from any faculty member (full time, visiting, or adjunct) other than the Chair of the Advocacy Committee (Professor Schlueter) concerning your application or its contents is strictly prohibited. All **completed applications must be returned** to Professor Schlueter's office no later than **NOON on Monday, March 28, 2011**.

\$100 BOOK DISCOUNT FOR REGISTERING FOR INNSBRUCK PROGRAM

All students who register for the **2011 Innsbruck Institute on World Legal Problems** on or before **March 25, 2011**, will receive a **\$100 gift certificate** redeemable at the St. Mary's Bookstore for use on the purchase of all books and materials required or recommended for courses taught at the 26th annual program this July. If any amount remains on the certificate after purchasing the required books for Innsbruck courses, the student may use that remaining amount to offset the cost of books and materials for courses at the home campus. If you have any questions, please contact either Professor Gerald S. Reamey or Professor Michael Ariens, the co-directors of the 2011 Program.

WANT TO GO TO INNSBRUCK BUT DON'T HAVE THE MONEY?

Sarah Thompson Memorial Scholarship

St. Mary's law students who are **interested in attending Innsbruck** this summer are invited to apply for this scholarship. This scholarship was established by the family of Sarah Thompson who was a vocal fan of the Innsbruck program and encouraged all those around her to attend. Sarah was a second year law student at St. Mary's who was tragically killed. All applications are due to **Sr. Grace Walle by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, March 25, 2011**. Please submit either a hard copy to her office, LF 106, or by email to gwall@stmarytx.edu (please type Sarah Thompson Memorial Scholarship in the subject line). Scholarship recipients will be **announced by April 1, 2011** and the two winners will receive \$500 and \$1,000 respectively. Recipients are chosen by a committee based on writing ability and persuasiveness. Please pick up the application at one of the bulletin boards on campus, from Sr. Grace Walle or on the Innsbruck website.

Professor Flint Fund

The Professor Flint Fund was established by Professor Flint and Sr. Grace to assist St. Mary's law school students who wish to attend the Innsbruck program. Students who are interested in applying for the Professor Flint Fund should pick up an application from the bulletin boards on campus, Sr. Grace Walle or on the Innsbruck website. Applications must be submitted **to Sr. Grace prior to March 25, 2011**. Please submit either a hard copy to her office, LF 106, or by email to gwall@stmarytx.edu (please put Flint Fund in the subject line).

Emiliano Infante Segrera Scholarship

This scholarship is offered through the generous support of Mr. Emil R. Infante, Esq. LL.M who is a 2000 graduate of St. Mary's University School of Law and a former attendee of the Innsbruck program. Students must be currently enrolled in St. Mary's University School of Law who are in good standing and eligible to attend the Innsbruck program. Students must submit a hard copy of their letter of application by **5:00 pm, May 1, 2011 to Prof. Gerald Reamey, LFB 226** or by placing it in his faculty mailbox in Raba. Students can pick up a hard copy of the scholarship from the bulletin boards on campus, Prof. Gerald Reamey or on the Innsbruck website.

SUMMER AND FALL 2011 REGISTRATION

Registration for Summer 2011 and Fall 2011 will begin March 28, 2011.

Rising 3L, current 2L, will register beginning at 8:00 am on Monday, March 28, 2011 and will continue to register through midnight March 30, 2011.

Rising 2L, current 1L, will register beginning at 8:00 am on Thursday, March 31, 2011 and will continue to register through midnight April 2, 2011.

All year groups will register beginning at 8:00 am April 4, 2011 and continue through April 8, 2011.

Registration for spring 2012 will take place in November.

Be sure all business office holds are resolved before registration. A hold will prevent access to registration.

1Ls should plan to attend one of **the registration meetings** to receive information about registration:

Tuesday March 22, 2011 at 3:30pm in LC 102 – Section C

Wednesday March 23, 2011 at 3:00pm in LC 102 – Section A

Wednesday March 23, 2011 at 1:30pm in Raba 107 – Section B

Students may attend any of the sessions, but must attend one.

Questions should be directed to Catherine Mery at cmery@stmarytx.edu

BARBRI MULTIPLE CHOICE WORKSHOP

Give him one day. He'll give you a REAL Advantage on the Multistate Bar Exam.

Sunday, March 27, 2011, Law Classroom 104, 9:00 a.m. -- 3:00 p.m. **Live Lecture with Q&A.**

Lunch will be served. Everett Chambers has helped hundreds of students pass the ultimate final exam -- the bar exam! Now Everett will be at St. Mary's to share with you the secrets to top bar exam performance. In this one-day, interactive **Multistate Bar Exam** analysis workshop, ***you'll gain a real advantage*** over other bar exam takers as you learn a step-by-step method for approaching, analyzing and answering MBE questions – a method proven to get you maximum points! **Tuition is free to St. Mary's students. Contact Preyal Shah, Associate Director – Office of Academic Support at pshah@stmarytx.edu or 210-436-3779 to enroll.**

SUBMITTING PRO BONO/COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS

You may submit your logged Pro Bono or Community Service hours after each volunteer event or (preferably) after collecting at least a few hours at a few events on one form. You may

submit your hours tracking form (found on the Pro Bono TWEN page under "Submitting & Tracking Your Hours" and from the Pro Bono desk in Raba) one of three ways:

1. In person at the Pro Bono Table in Raba, Mondays from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. or Tuesdays from 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.; or
2. Leaving the form in the Pro Bono drop box hanging on the wall just to the right of Sister Grace's office door; or
3. Sending a scanned version via email to StMarysProBono@gmail.com.

GRADUATING THIS SPRING 2011?

All students set to graduate this spring 2011 who believe they are **eligible for the Pro Bono Certificate and/or Community Service Achievement Recognition** must send an email to StMarysProBono@gmail.com by March 31, 2011, with the following items:

1. Name.
2. Student ID Number.
3. Indicating May 2011 as your expected graduation.
4. Whether you completed and submitted at least 50 hours towards Pro Bono and/or Community Service. (**Indicate one or both.**) If you have questions regarding the number of hours previously submitted (i.e., to verify your eligibility for the Certificate and/or Achievement Recognition), include the following information:
5. The semester you started collecting/submitted hours (i.e., usually your 1L first semester).
6. How many hours you believe or think you should have.

If you have questions, you will receive a response (depending on the number of requests received); if you do not have any questions (or do not include any of the above information) a response will not be sent.

Note: If you were/are enrolled in (and successfully completed) any of the St. Mary's Legal Clinical Education Program classes, you are automatically eligible for the Pro Bono Certificate; there is no need to submit the above requested information.

Again, please send all email to StMarysProBono@gmail.com.

OFFICE OF CAREER SERVICES

How to Get a Job After Law School: The Unclassified Story
Wednesday, March 23, 2011, 12:00 – 1:00 p.m., Law Alumni Room
Presented by the TYLA Law Student Outreach Committee
Lunch will be served.

The Law Student Outreach (LSO) Committee for the Texas Young Lawyers Association is pleased to present a luncheon seminar this spring semester to discuss creative and innovative ways in which law school graduates can land a job after graduation. Attorneys representing multiple

practice areas across Texas will offer guidance in a laid-back open forum that will encourage students to dialogue with attorneys and learn how they found their way into their first job out of law school.

Law Practice Management Workshop for 2011 Graduates

Saturday, March 26, 2011, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., Law Alumni Room, Continental breakfast and lunch will be served.

The State of Texas Bar and St. Mary's University School of Law are hosting a half-day program to help prepare graduating students who plan to open a solo practice. If you wish to receive a mentor for solo practice from Dean Bracey, you must attend this program.

SABA Mentoring Program and St. Mary's University School of Law presents Justice Phylis Speedlin on Appellate Briefs and Oral Argument

Tuesday, March 29, 2011, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m., Law Alumni Room, Dinner will be served.

Justice Phylis Speedlin will discuss appellate briefs and oral arguments. All students are welcome but an RSVP is required. SABA will offer a 1 hour CLE credit to those in attendance. All 2011 graduates that attend can apply for credit. Credit is good for one year.

Practicing Law and Wellness: Modern Strategies for Lawyers Dealing With Anxiety, Addiction, and Depression

Wednesday, March 30, 2011, 12:00 – 1:00 p.m., Law Alumni Room, a sit-down lunch will be served.

Speakers are Allan K. DuBois, Law Office of Allan K. Dubois and Thomas G. Keyser, Attorney at Law

This program offers .75 hr of ethics CLE. CLE is good for one year so you will be able to use the credit after you are barred. THIS EVENT IS ONLY OPEN TO CLASS OF 2011 GRADUATES.

Please RSVP for any of the above workshops in the Events Section of Symplicity under Workshops. <https://law-stmarytx-csm.symplicity.com/students/> It is important to RSVP. Those who do will be allowed to eat first; the rest will be able to attend the program but will be asked to wait until the end to eat what has remained.

FIESTA FAREWELL

Fiesta Farewell will honor the **Class of 2011** as “Almost Alumni” on **Monday, April 11, 2011**. The program **will begin at 12:00 p.m.** in the **Law School Plaza**. Remarks will be given by Charles E. Cantú, J.D., M.C.L., L.L.M., Dean and St. Mary's University Distinguished South Texas Professor of Law. Presentation of various awards and Blessing of Third Year Students will be given. Everyone is invited to a fiesta lunch and service awards. Graduation picture will follow the program. All graduating seniors are asked to dress appropriately for the photo op.

LAW STUDENT PARTICIPATION NEEDED FOR RESEARCH STUDY

Abigail Perelman, a 5th year doctoral student in the Clinical Psychology department at the University of Alabama is currently conducting dissertation research that examines law students' attitudes and beliefs toward treatment programs for juvenile offenders. An important focus of this research is the attitudes and beliefs of legal professionals. Past research on this topic has neglected legal professionals—what they know and feel about the “best practices” for offender rehabilitation. Interested in opinions of **1Ls, 2Ls, and 3Ls, even if you don't plan to go into criminal law.** By participating in the study, you will a) learn about the latest research on juvenile justice b) help produce cutting edge data on law students' perspectives, and c) earn money for organizations that matter. **In return for your participation, the project will donate \$1 per participant to the American Bar Association-Law Student Division or National Legal Aid and Defender Association.** If you choose to participate, you will be asked to complete online questionnaires and watch an online presentation (with audio). This study requires that you have uninterrupted access to a computer with Internet access for the entire 60 minutes. Please consider this opportunity. It is a great way to play a vital role in shaping public policy and juvenile justice research. In addition, those who may be interested in a summary of results upon completion of the project may enter their email address during the beginning of the study. **If you would like to participate, please email the following address that simply states you are “interested in completing the study” and give your university affiliation.** You do **NOT** need to provide your name or any additional information: Send your response to: uapsychresearcher@gmail.com or visit <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/dissertationrecruitmentinfo>. For questions about this research, contact Abigail Perelman at amperelman@crimson.ua.edu.

TEXAS BOARD OF LAW EXAMINERS – FILING DEADLINES

<u>Examination Dates</u>	<u>File No Earlier Than</u>	<u>Timely Postmark Deadline</u>	<u>Absolute Postmark Deadline</u>
February	June 30	August 30	October 30
July	November 30	January 30	March 30

INTERNATIONAL BAR ASSOCIATION

The below information is provided by the new **International Bar Association (IBA)** student membership scheme; as it is a project with particular relevance to law students.

The IBA, established in 1947, is the world's leading organization of international legal practitioners, bar associations and law societies. The IBA influences the development of international law reform and shapes the future of the legal profession throughout the world, whilst providing its members with unique international networking and professional development opportunities. Through our **new student membership initiative** the IBA aims to enhance the study of law, by giving students access to the extensive range of academic and professional materials produced by the IBA - resources which are only available to IBA members. As well as some content specifically for students, such as opportunities to have work published, and competitions; all for the nominal charge of £20. Additionally **IBA membership covers a broad**

range of international legal practitioners, providing students with the opportunity to familiarize themselves with future employers. Our membership includes top international law firms such as: White & Case LLP, Simpson Thacher Bartlett LLP, Kirkland & Ellis LLP, Davis Polk & Wardwell LLP, Clifford Chance, Allen & Overy LLP, Slaughter and May, Linklaters, and Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer LLP; as well as 195 bar associations and law societies; over 45,000 individual lawyers; over 1,000 corporate counsel members representing hundreds of multinational corporations including Coca-Cola, IBM, Exxon-Mobil and AT&T; and now law students. If you are interested in joining the IBA link to our website:

http://www.ibanet.org/PPID/Constituent/Student_Committee/Default.aspx And further information about the benefits of IBA student membership:

http://www.ibanet.org/PPID/Constituent/Student_Committee/why_join.aspx

WRITING COMPETITIONS, FELLOWSHIPS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

For a copy of detailed information regarding the below writing competitions and scholarships, please email Bebe Gonzales at bgonzales@stmarytx.edu.

Zelle Hofmann is pleased to offer the **Diversity in Law Scholarship** from the National LGBT Bar Association. The Scholarship is designed to encourage and facilitate diverse students, as well as students with a proven interest in diversity-related issues, in pursuing the law as a profession. For additional information about Zelle Hofmann, please visit www.zelle.com. Applicants must be first-year law students enrolled full-time. Scholarship amount is \$30,000. Deadline to apply is **April 1, 2011**. To download application, please visit: http://lgbtbar.org/documents/Zelle_Hofmann_Voelbel_Mason_Scholarship_Application.doc

The **State Bar of Texas Law Student Division** announces its 2011 Essay Contest. This year's theme is *The Legacy of John Adams, From Boston to Guantanamo*. Explore how lawyers in the past and present have promoted justice by defending unpopular clients. Two scholarship recipients will be chosen and each will receive \$1,000. The essay contest is open to State Bar of Texas Law Student Division members only. Deadline to submit essay is **Friday, April 15, 2011**.

The **National Association of Chapter 13 Trustees** has established an annual student writing competition to encourage and reward original law student writing on issues concerning consumer bankruptcy and the law. Entrants should submit an essay, article, or comment on an issue concerning Chapter 13 of the Bankruptcy Code. The author of the first-place essay will receive a prize of \$1000 and the essay will be published in the NACTT Quarterly. Entries must be received by **April 30, 2011**.

Notre Dame Law School Smith-Doheny Legal Ethics Writing Competition Call For Papers. Entries should concern any issue within the general category of legal ethics. Entries must be original, unpublished work and must not exceed 50 pages, including notes. Coauthored essays may be submitted. Prize money is \$2,500. Entries must be received by 5:00 p.m., **Friday, April 29, 2011**. Submit Entries to: Smith-Doheny Legal Ethics Writing Competition, Notre Dame Law School, Notre Dame, Indiana 46556. For more information, please email sumption.1@nd.edu or go to www.nd.edu/~ndlaw/writing_competitions/smith_doheny.pdf

The College of Labor and Employment Lawyers and American Bar Association Section of Labor and Employment Law announces their annual law student writing competition. First place: \$1500, second place, \$1000 and third place is \$500. Competition rules are at www.laborandemploymentcollege.org. Articles must be submitted by 5:00 p.m. CDT, **May 15, 2011**.

The **International Association of Defense Counsel** invites you to participate in its 2011 Legal Writing Contest. First prize, \$2,000, second prize is \$1,000 and third prize is \$500. Deadline for articles is **May 20, 2011**. Contest rules, writing guidelines, and entry forms can be found at www.iadclaw.org.

The **Judge John R. Brown Scholarship Foundation** is pleased to announce the eighteenth annual *Brown Award* to recognize *Excellence in Legal Writing* in the United States. This year the stipend for the winner is \$10,000. Deadline for submission is **May 20, 2011**.

The ABA Section of Family Law is pleased to present its **Howard C. Schwab Memorial Essay Contest**. Applicants may submit an essay on any aspect of Family Law and entrants are encouraged to write on subjects of national interest. Additional information can be found at www.abanet.org/family/lawstudents/schwab.shtml. **Deadline** to apply is **May 20, 2011**.

Permian Basin Area Foundation is pleased to announce the Judge Lucius Bunton Memorial Law Scholarship Fund. Applicants must be a resident of one of the following counties upon his/her graduation: Andrews, Brewster, Crane, Crockett, Culberson, Dawson, Ector, Gaines, Glasscock, Howard, Hudspeth, Jeff Davis, Loving, Martin, Midland, Pecos, Presidio, Reagan, Reeves, Sterling, Upton, Ward, or Winkler. Information and applications are available at www.pbaf.org. Deadline to apply is **May 30, 2011**.

Women Trial Lawyers Caucus of the American Association for Justice (AAJ) announces the Women for Justice Education Fund's 2011 Mike Eidson Scholarship. The Scholarship is awarded annually to a rising 3L (or rising 4L in a night program) female student who has demonstrated a commitment to a career as a trial lawyer, along with dedication to upholding and defending the principles of the Constitution, and to the concept of a fair trial, the adversary system, and a just result for the injured, the accused, and those whose rights are jeopardized. Application **deadline is May 31, 2011**.

The **American College of Trust and Estate Counsel** Mary Moers Wenig 2011 Student Writing Competition. First prize \$5,000; second prize \$3,000; and third prize \$1,000. Complete rules and entry forms are available at www.actec.org. Deadline is **June 1, 2011**.

The **University of Connecticut Law School** announces their legal writing competition, now in its second year. Prizes include \$750 for the first-place winner, \$500 for the second-place winner, and \$250 for the third-place winner. The competition rules and intent to enter form are available online at <http://www.law.uconn.edu/node/9541>. Deadline to apply is **June 1, 2011**.

The **American Judges Association (AJA)** announces its Twenty-Third Annual Law Student Essay Competition. Essays submitted must be under the category of "Must a minor

student be given his or her rights, including a *Miranda* warning and the right to have a parent present, before being questioned by police on school grounds.” First prize is \$3,000, second prize is \$1,500, and third prize is \$1,000. Entries must be postmarked no later than **June 1, 2011**. For more information, please see <http://aja.ncsc.dni.us>.

The **American Intellectual Property Law Association** (AIPLA) presents the 2011 Robert C. Watson competition. Award is \$2,000 to the author of best the article on a subject relating to the protection of intellectual property. Award will be presented during the 2011 AIPLA annual meeting in Washington DC. For more information, visit www.aipla.org. Deadline to enter is **June 30, 2011**.

The Theodore Tannenwald, Jr. Foundation for Excellence in Tax Scholarship and The American College of Tax Counsel are pleased to announce the 2011 Tannenwald Writing Competition. The subject may be on any federal or state tax topic. First prize is \$5,000; second prize is \$2,500; and third prize is \$1,500. For competition rules, please go to www.tannenwald.org. Entry deadline is **July 1, 2011**.

The **Legal Committee of the Southeastern Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies** (SEAFWA) announces its annual writing contest. Winning paper will be published at the SEAFWA Annual Conference October 22-26, 2011 in Nashville, Tennessee. Winner will receive up to \$1,000 to defray the cost of a trip to the conference to present the paper. Deadline to submit paper is **July 31, 2011**. For information on the SEAFWA please visit www.seafwa.org.

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EAP MOOT COURT TEAMS AT ABA COMPETITION

On March 10 - 12, 2011, two teams from St. Mary's University School of Law competed in the **Boston Regional of the American Bar Association's National Appellate Advocacy Competition**. The ABA NAAC tournament is the largest moot court competition in the country, with 207 teams from law schools in all fifty states competing in six regional competitions. The team of **Marion Reilly** (3L), **Trevor Hall** (3L), and **Heather Haywood** (3L) reached the Final Round of the regional competition before losing an extremely close round (3 of the 5 judges rated the round a tie) to the tournament's number one seed -- Florida. Also competing at the tournament were 2L's **Shari Mao**, **Lacy Ehlers**, and **Erin Oglesby**. The teams were coached by Adjunct Professor Ricky Poole, who said that he was very proud of all of these fine advocates---and in particular, Marion, Trevor, and Heather for their efforts in continuing St. Mary's EAP moot court team's strong tradition of advocacy on the state, regional, and national levels. **Congratulations to Coach Poole and the teams!**

FEDERAL COURT JUDICIAL INTERNSHIPS

The federal judges who participate in the **St. Mary's internship program** (Garza, Prado, Rodriguez, Mathy, and Nowak) have all made their decisions. Students who have been offered internships during summer 2011, fall 2011, and spring 2012 semesters have been notified via email at the addresses they listed on their applications.

Other good internships are still available. The **deadline** for the Texas Fourth Court of Appeals is **March 25, 2011**. Information can be found in the Job Bank Section of St. Mary's Symplicity.

COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS INTERNSHIP

A **summer internship** with the Staff Attorneys' Office at the **Court of Criminal Appeals** in Austin, Texas is available for a limited number of students during the summer of 2011. Students who are selected for the program will work under the supervision of staff attorneys on criminal appeals, petitions for discretionary review and habeas corpus petitions. Those interested in applying should **send a resume and a cover letter to Professor Schmolesky in Room 224** of the Law Faculty Building. In the letter please indicate if you have any preference for first or second summer session. Students will receive 2 pass/fail credits upon successful completion of the program that requires a minimum of 120 hours of work. Students will receive credit as if for a course offered on the home campus rather than transient credit and accepted students will be required to pay tuition to the law school for their participation in the program. Preference will be given to students who have completed 2 years of law school, but students who have completed their first year may apply. The **deadline for applications is 12 noon on Friday, March 25, 2011**. Students who have previously expressed an interest in this program should reaffirm their interest by contacting Professor Schmolesky in writing.

HISPANIC LAW ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Applications Due Today

The **Hispanic Law Alumni Association** is proud to announce the availability of **law school scholarships** and **bar study grants** for 2L/3L students. The scholarship and grant awards will be based on merit and proven financial need. The completed applications are **due on March 21, 2011 no later than 5:00 p.m.**, by email attachment. Recipients of the awards and grants will be selected shortly thereafter by committee process and award monies will be disbursed at the annual Henry B. Gonzalez Awards Dinner. This year the **dinner** will take place on April 1, 2010 at the Marriott Plaza San Antonio. Any questions regarding the application process for either the scholarships or the grant should be directed to: Professor Mike Martinez, Jr. at mmartinez17@stmarytx.edu.

SPEAKER FOR THE INSTITUTE ON CHINESE LAW AND BUSINESS

Elisa Chan

**Councilwoman for District 9
City of San Antonio**

Ms. Elisa Chan represents District 9 on the City Council of San Antonio. She leads the City's efforts to develop economic and cultural relations with China. Ms. Chan will speak about San Antonio's China initiatives. All students, faculty and staff are invited to attend on **Tuesday, March 22, 2011, 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.** in the **Alumni Room** of the Sarita Kenedy East Law Library. Lunch will be provided.

SUMMER AND FALL 2011 REGISTRATION

Registration for Summer 2011 and Fall 2011 will begin March 28, 2011. **1Ls** should plan to attend one of **the registration meetings** to receive information about registration:

Tuesday March 22, 2011 at 3:30 p.m. in LC 102 – Section C

Wednesday March 23, 2011 at 3:00 p.m. in LC 102 – Section A

Wednesday March 23, 2011 at 1:30 p.m. in Raba 107 – Section B

Students may attend any of the sessions, but must attend one.

Rising 3L, current 2L, will register beginning at 8:00 am on Monday, March 28, 2011 and will continue to register through midnight March 30, 2011.

Rising 2L, current 1L, will register beginning at 8:00 am on Thursday, March 31, 2011 and will continue to register through midnight April 2, 2011.

All year groups will register beginning at 8:00 am April 4, 2011 and continue through April 8, 2011. Registration for spring 2012 will take place in November.

Be sure all business office holds are resolved before registration. A hold will prevent access to registration. Questions should be directed to Catherine Mery at cmery@stmarytx.edu

THE SCHOLAR LAW REVIEW APPLICATIONS

The Scholar: St. Mary's Law Review on Minority Issues invites all eligible 1Ls and 2Ls to **apply to become staff writers** for 2011-2012. Open House Information Sessions will be held in *The Scholar* office on **Thursday, March 24, 2011**. See flyers for details.

DEADLINE THIS WEEK FOR INNSBRUCK APPLICATIONS

Sarah Thompson Memorial Scholarship

St. Mary's law students who are **interested in attending Innsbruck** this summer are invited to apply for this scholarship. This scholarship was established by the family of Sarah Thompson who was a vocal fan of the Innsbruck program and encouraged all those around her to attend. Sarah was a second year law student at St. Mary's who was tragically killed. All applications are due to **Sr. Grace Walle by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, March 25, 2011**. Please submit either a hard copy to her office, LF 106, or by email to gwall@stmarytx.edu (please type Sarah Thompson Memorial Scholarship in the subject line). Scholarship recipients will be **announced by April 1, 2011** and the two winners will receive \$500 and \$1,000 respectively. Recipients are chosen by a committee based on writing ability and persuasiveness. Please pick up the application at one of the bulletin boards on campus, from Sr. Grace Walle or on the Innsbruck website.

Professor Flint Fund

The Professor Flint Fund was established by Professor Flint and Sr. Grace to assist St. Mary's law school students who wish to attend the Innsbruck program. Students who are interested in applying for the Professor Flint Fund should pick up an application from the bulletin boards on campus, Sr. Grace Walle or on the Innsbruck website. Applications must be submitted **to Sr. Grace prior to March 25, 2011**. Please submit either a hard copy to her office, LF 106, or by email to gwall@stmarytx.edu (please put Flint Fund in the subject line).

Emiliano Infante Segrera Scholarship

This scholarship is offered through the generous support of Mr. Emil R. Infante, Esq. LL.M. who is a 2000 graduate of St. Mary's University School of Law and a former attendee of the Innsbruck program. Students must be currently enrolled in St. Mary's University School of Law who are in good standing and eligible to attend the Innsbruck program. Students must submit a hard copy of their letter of application by **5:00 pm, May 1, 2011 to Prof. Gerald Reamey, LFB 226** or by placing it in his faculty mailbox in Raba. Students can pick up a hard copy of the scholarship from the bulletin boards on campus, Prof. Gerald Reamey or on the Innsbruck website.

\$100 BOOK DISCOUNT FOR REGISTERING FOR INNSBRUCK PROGRAM

All students who register for the **2011 Innsbruck Institute on World Legal Problems** on or before **March 25, 2011, will receive a \$100 gift certificate** redeemable at the St. Mary's Bookstore for use on the purchase of all books and materials required or recommended for courses

taught at the 26th annual program this July. If any amount remains on the certificate after purchasing the required books for Innsbruck courses, the student may use that remaining amount to offset the cost of books and materials for courses at the home campus. If you have any questions, please contact either Professor Gerald S. Reamey or Professor Michael Ariens, the co-directors of the 2011 Program.

ACADEMIC COURSE ADVISING FOR DAY PROGRAM 1Ls

(Mandatory for all Day Program 1Ls in the bottom quartile)

The Office of Academic Support will be offering course advising to all 1Ls in the Day Program before registration begins for the summer and fall 2011 semesters. Sign up for an advising appointment today by contacting Alice Contreras at academicsupport@stmarytx.eu, or (210) 431-4340, or stop by our office in Raba 106.

NOTE: This advising appointment is mandatory for all day program 1Ls in the bottom quartile of the class. If you are required to attend this advising appointment in order to register for your summer and fall 2011 courses, you will have received a letter in your student mailbox in the Law Classroom Building. Please check your mailbox immediately.

FALL 2011 ACADEMIC SCHOLAR APPLICATIONS

The Office of Academic Support is **seeking second- and third-year law students** to serve as **Academic Scholars** to teach skills to first-year students during the fall 2011 semester. Prospective Scholars should be conscientious, possess a personal standard of academic excellence, work well with students from diverse educational backgrounds, communicate effectively, and exhibit a desire to teach and learn.

QUALIFICATIONS

1. Be currently enrolled at St. Mary's.
2. Be interested in teaching basic law school skills to a diverse group of 1Ls.
3. Be conscientious and creative.
4. Be able to demonstrate academic achievement.

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Scholars are expected to lead weekly classes or hold individual meetings depending on the needs of students and time of year. Scholars will receive a \$1,250.00 stipend for the semester. For an application, please visit the Office of Academic Support in Raba 106E. For more information, please call Director Kathryn Tullos at 210-436-3541.

All applications are due in the Office of Academic Support by **12:00 p.m. on Friday, April 8, 2011.**

**2011 MEXICAN-AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION OF TEXAS
LAW STUDENT CONFERENCE**

March 25-26, 2011

St. Mary's University School of Law
Atrium in the Law Administration Building

Network with Attorneys and Judges
Scholarship Opportunities for Law Student Attendees

Friday, March 25, 2011

5:30 p.m. – Cocktail reception with Judges and Attorneys, co-sponsored by the Law Office of Javier Espinoza P.C. (719 South Flores, Ste. 100, San Antonio, Texas, 78204)

Saturday, March 26, 2011

9:00 a.m. – Opening Remarks by Law School Dean Charles E. Cantú

9:30 a.m. –12:00 p.m.—Continuing Legal Education Programs

12:00 p.m. – Luncheon co-sponsored by MABA-San Antonio and St. Mary's Hispanic Law Alumni Association

1:00 p.m. – Scholarship Presentation by Benny Agosto, MABA-TX Foundation President and HNBA President Elect

The following named individuals have tentatively confirmed their attendance: Sen. Carlos Uresti, Rep. Joaquin Castro, Rep. Trey Martinez Fischer, Judge Antonia Arteaga, Judge Juanita Vasquez Gardner, Judge Victor Negron, Judge Irene Rios, Judge David Rodriguez, and Judge Lori Valenzuela, among others.

Free for MABA-Texas members, members of MABA-Texas affiliate organizations, members of St. Mary's Hispanic Law Alumni Association, and law students. To register email Paul Torres at paul@torreslawpc.com or visit www.mabatexas.com. Information is also available at www.stmarytx.edu/law under the Current Students/SBA tab.

2011 HISPANIC LAW STUDENTS ASSOCIATION ANNUAL SPRING BANQUET

The **Hispanic Law Students Association** invite you to their annual Spring Banquet to be held on **Saturday, March 26, 2011, Crowne Plaza Riverwalk, 111 East Pecan**, San Antonio, Texas, 78205. Cocktails at 6:00 p.m. followed by dinner and ceremony at 7:00 p.m. Silent auction will be held throughout the evening.

Single Ticket: \$60

Table (10 seats): \$500

Law Student (non-HLSA member): \$30

Free for all paid HLSA members!

Please RSVP to hernandezguill@gmail.com by March 22, 2011.

ORDER OF BARRISTERS APPLICATIONS

The **Order of Barristers** is a national honorary organization whose purpose is the encouragement of oral advocacy and brief writing skills. The Order – which is **open only to graduating third-year law students** — provides national recognition for individuals who have excelled in advocacy and service at their respective schools. St. Mary's School of Law is permitted to select **ten new members** each year. If you are interested in being considered for The Order of Barristers, please pick up an application form from Professor Dave Schlueter, Chairman of the Faculty Advocacy Committee, LFB 270. The faculty's Advocacy Committee will review and select the new members and announce their names at the **Barristers' Ball** on Friday, April 15, 2011. These applications will also be used, in part, to determine the recipients of the various faculty awards for outstanding advocacy. Please note that seeking or obtaining advice or assistance from any faculty member (full time, visiting, or adjunct) other than the Chair of the Advocacy Committee (Professor Schlueter) concerning your application or its contents is strictly prohibited. All **completed applications must be returned** to Professor Schlueter's office no later than **NOON on Monday, March 28, 2011**.

BARBRI MULTIPLE CHOICE WORKSHOP

Give him one day. He'll give you a REAL Advantage on the Multistate Bar Exam. Sunday, March 27, 2011, Law Classroom 104, 9:00 a.m. -- 3:00 p.m. **Live Lecture with Q&A. Lunch will be served.** Everett Chambers has helped hundreds of students pass the ultimate final exam -- the bar exam! Now Everett will be at St. Mary's to share with you the secrets to top bar exam performance. In this one-day, interactive **Multistate Bar Exam** analysis workshop, ***you'll gain a real advantage*** over other bar exam takers as you learn a step-by-step method for approaching, analyzing and answering MBE questions – a method proven to get you maximum points! **Tuition is free to St. Mary's students.** Contact Preyal Shah, Associate Director – Office of Academic Support at pshah@stmarytx.edu or 210-436-3779 to enroll.

EAP MOCK TRIAL TRYOUTS

In the next several weeks, the coaches for the EAP Mock Trial teams will be holding interviews and tryouts for next year's mock trial teams. Applications will be posted on Professor Schlueter's office door (LFB 270) this week. If you are interested in being considered, please pick up one of those applications at your earliest convenience and return it to Professor Schlueter's office by 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, **March 31, 2011**. When you turn in your application you should sign up for one of the time slots posted on his office door. The coaches will announce their selections at the annual Barristers' Ball, scheduled for Friday, April 15, 2011.

If you have any questions about the process please feel free to contact Professor Schlueter or Adjunct Professor Nicole Thornbro, at nicolethronbro@hotmail.com.

SUBMITTING PRO BONO/COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS

You may submit your logged Pro Bono or Community Service hours after each volunteer event or (preferably) after collecting at least a few hours at a few events on one form. You may submit your hours tracking form (found on the Pro Bono TWEN page under "Submitting & Tracking Your Hours" and from the Pro Bono desk in Raba) one of three ways:

1. In person at the Pro Bono Table in Raba, Mondays from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. or Tuesdays from 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.; or
2. Leaving the form in the Pro Bono drop box hanging on the wall just to the right of Sister Grace's office door; or
3. Sending a scanned version via email to StMarysProBono@gmail.com.

GRADUATING THIS SPRING 2011?

All students set to graduate this spring 2011 who believe they are **eligible for the Pro Bono Certificate and/or Community Service Achievement Recognition** must send an email to StMarysProBono@gmail.com by March 31, 2011, with the following items:

1. Name.
2. Student ID Number.
3. Indicating May 2011 as your expected graduation.
4. Whether you completed and submitted at least 50 hours towards Pro Bono and/or Community Service. (**Indicate one or both.**) If you have questions regarding the number of hours previously submitted (i.e., to verify your eligibility for the Certificate and/or Achievement Recognition), include the following information:
5. The semester you started collecting/submitted hours (i.e., usually your 1L first semester).
6. How many hours you believe or think you should have.

If you have questions, you will receive a response (depending on the number of requests received); if you do not have any questions (or do not include any of the above information) a response will not be sent.

Note: If you were/are enrolled in (and successfully completed) any of the St. Mary's Legal Clinical Education Program classes, you are automatically eligible for the Pro Bono Certificate; there is no need to submit the above requested information.

Again, please send all email to StMarysProBono@gmail.com.

AN OPEN LETTER FROM YOUR STUDENT BAR ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT



Dear St. Mary's Law Students, Faculty, and Administration,

Before we race ahead into the end of the semester, I would like to reach out to all of you with a quick recap of the year. Currently our law school has over 30 professional student organizations and this year we added five new organizations, which include the Military Law Association, Student Animal Legal Defense, Phi Alpha Delta, Oil, Energy, & Renewal Resources Society, and Phi Theta Phi. I want all of our organizations to get the recognition they deserve for **going above and beyond for this law school**. Because of these organizations students are constantly provided with a chance to network and learn from legal scholars, attorneys, and judges.

A major priority for SBA was to increase communication among the law school and I can truly say that we immensely improved on this objective. SBA now has its [own website](#) located on the law school's website and this includes our helpful, [Universal Calendar](#). The Universal Calendar serves as a single place for students, faculty, and administration to discover the numerous events on our campus. We also started "SBA Table Days" whereby students could interact with SBA elected members and enjoy some complimentary coffee and treats.

Another wonderful highlight of the year consisted of SBA's relationship with both the Office of Career Services and Academic Support. Dean Bracey and Director Patrick are committed to locating jobs for law students. They not only reach out to SBA, but are active with multiple organizations. This year SBA partnered up with OCS in our annual, "What I Did Last Summer" panel and Amanda Ellis' presentation, "The 6P's in Social Networking." Additionally, SBA hosted the Bexar County Court Reporters and Attorney Ken Nunley in an informational session for students interested in trial advocacy.

There is no doubt that passing the bar is a major concern for all law students, but no one is more committed to ensure that YOU pass the bar than the office of Academic Support. SBA meets and works with Academic Support throughout the year, so that we can spread the word about all the magnificent programs offered for law students. Most recently, Academic Support was essential in obtaining the Essay Advantage Program and also in setting up the upcoming MBE Workshop. SBA will continue to work with Academic Support and help further their mission to increase our bar passage rate.

Over the past three years, I have been given the opportunity to serve this law school in such a rewarding capacity. It has been a pleasure to work with student leaders who care about our law school and are equally passionate about making a difference within our legal community. I want to thank both the faculty and administration, which continue to support the mission of this law school and its students. SBA would also like to thank the faculty for keeping law students involved in the Faculty Appointments Committee; we greatly appreciate being a part of this

process. To be honest, one letter is not sufficient to outline the entire year, but I hope this offers a glimpse of what SBA and our student organizations accomplish throughout our law school campus.

Lastly, I would like to urge students to continue to stay involved and care about this law school. Remember, we can rise over the rest through our hard work and integrity. Believe me, the legal community recognizes and respects St. Mary's Law students. We are a unique, close knit community that is devoted to being great lawyers and I have no doubt that our law school will continue to advance because of our efforts. As May approaches, I am proud to be graduating from St. Mary's Law and will continue to support the law school in any way possible after graduation. Good luck to everyone and have a great end of the year.

Sincerely,



Shelly Enyart
President, Student Bar Association, Class of 2011'

ST. MARY'S LAW JOURNAL WRITE-ON COMPETITION

The *St. Mary's Law Journal* Volume 43 Editorial Board is excited to announce its **write-on competition**. The write-on competition is the process by which the *Journal* selects qualified applicants to serve as **Staff Writers for the 2011–2012 academic year**. The competition is designed to select applicants who have achieved academic success as well as those who are highly motivated and willing to learn. Staff Writers will be chosen from three categories of candidates. First, the applicants who write the top writing entries will be selected for *Journal* membership. After those applicants are selected, the applicants with the top grade point averages will be selected. Finally, the remaining top weighted scores will be selected based on a combination of grades and writing ability.

The **write-on competition packet will be available to all 1Ls on the last day of 1L finals, Friday, May 6**. 1Ls may pick up the application in the law classroom building between 11:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. or at the *Journal* office. Packets will cost \$3.00 to cover printing. The packet will detail a current legal issue and will contain several different legal authorities. These authorities will range from cases to law journal and newspaper articles. The goal is to write a well developed and properly cited paper utilizing the sources provided. **The application deadline is Friday, May 27, 2011**. Applicants must either mail their entries to the *Journal* with a postmark of Friday, May 27 or earlier or must bring their applications to the *Journal* office by that date. Applications sent by mail must be received in the *Journal* office no later than ten days after Friday, May 27 to be considered for the competition.

Questions regarding the *Journal* write-on competition may be addressed to Allison Stewart at Allison.M.Ellis@gmail.com.

FIESTA FAREWELL

Fiesta Farewell will honor the **Class of 2011** as “Almost Alumni” on **Monday, April 11, 2011**. The program **will begin at 12:00 p.m.** in the **Law School Plaza**. Remarks will be given by Charles E. Cantú, J.D., M.C.L., L.L.M., Dean and St. Mary’s University Distinguished South Texas Professor of Law. Presentation of various awards and Blessing of Third Year Students will be given. Everyone is invited to a fiesta lunch and service awards. Graduation picture will follow the program. All graduating seniors are asked to dress appropriately for the photo op.

OFFICE OF CAREER SERVICES

- **How to Get a Job After Law School: The Unclassified Story**
Wednesday, March 23, 2011, 12:00 – 1:00 p.m., Law Alumni Room, lunch will be served. Presented by the TYLA Law Student Outreach Committee

The Law Student Outreach (LSO) Committee for the Texas Young Lawyers Association is pleased to present a luncheon seminar this spring semester to discuss creative and innovative ways in which law school graduates can land a job after graduation. Attorneys representing multiple practice areas across Texas will offer guidance in a laid-back open forum that will encourage students to dialogue with attorneys and learn how they found their way into their first job out of law school.

- **Law Practice Management Workshop for 2011 Graduates**
Saturday, March 26, 2011, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., Law Alumni Room, a continental breakfast and lunch will be served.

The State of Texas Bar and St. Mary’s University School of Law are hosting a half-day program to help prepare graduating students who plan to open a solo practice. If you wish to receive a mentor for solo practice from Dean Bracey, you must attend this program.

- **SABA Mentoring Program and St. Mary’s University School of Law presents Justice Phylis Speedlin on Appellate Briefs and Oral Argument**
Tuesday, March 29, 2011, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m., Law Alumni Room, dinner will be served.

Justice Phylis Speedlin will discuss appellate briefs and oral arguments. All students are welcome but an RSVP is required. SABA will offer a 1 hour CLE credit to those in attendance. All 2011 graduates that attend can apply for credit. Credit is good for one year.

- **Practicing Law and Wellness: Modern Strategies for Lawyers Dealing With Anxiety, Addiction, and Depression**
Wednesday, March 30, 2011, 12:00 – 1:00 p.m., Law Alumni Room, a sit-down lunch will be served.

Speakers are Allan K. DuBois, Law Office of Allan K. Dubois and Thomas G. Keyser, Attorney at Law. This program offers .75 hr of ethics CLE. CLE is good for one year so you will be able to use the credit after you are barred. THIS EVENT IS ONLY OPEN TO

CLASS OF 2011 GRADUATES.

- **Mandatory Fall Recruiting Information Session**

All Class of 2013 students interested in participating in Fall Recruiting must attend one of the below listed sessions:

March 30, 2011, 5:00 – 5:30 p.m., Alumni Room

April 4, 2011, 5:00 – 5:30 p.m., Alumni Room

April 6, 2011, 12:30 – 1:00 p.m., Alumni Room

- **Class of 2012 - Judicial Clerkship Information Session**

Thursday, April 7, 2011, 12:00 – 1:00 p.m., Law Alumni Room, lunch will be served.

Attend this program to learn about the application process on the state and federal level and the Office of Career Services Clerkship Mailing Program. Professors and students will be there to discuss the process and answer questions.

- **Please RSVP** for any of the above workshops in the Events Section of Symplicity under Workshops. <https://law-stmarytx-csm.symplicity.com/students/> It is important to RSVP. Those who do will be allowed to eat first; the rest will be able to attend the program but will be asked to wait until the end to eat what has remained.

LAW STUDENT PARTICIPATION NEEDED FOR RESEARCH STUDY

Abigail Perelman, a 5th year doctoral student in the Clinical Psychology department at the University of Alabama is currently conducting dissertation research that examines law students' attitudes and beliefs toward treatment programs for juvenile offenders. An important focus of this research is the attitudes and beliefs of legal professionals. Past research on this topic has neglected legal professionals—what they know and feel about the “best practices” for offender rehabilitation. Interested in opinions of **1Ls, 2Ls, and 3Ls, even if you don't plan to go into criminal law.** By participating in the study, you will a) learn about the latest research on juvenile justice b) help produce cutting edge data on law students' perspectives, and c) earn money for organizations that matter. **In return for your participation, the project will donate \$1 per participant to the American Bar Association-Law Student Division or National Legal Aid and Defender Association.** If you choose to participate, you will be asked to complete online questionnaires and watch an online presentation (with audio). This study requires that you have uninterrupted access to a computer with Internet access for the entire 60 minutes. Please consider this opportunity. It is a great way to play a vital role in shaping public policy and juvenile justice research. In addition, those who may be interested in a summary of results upon completion of the project may enter their email address during the beginning of the study. **If you would like to participate, please email the following address that simply states you are “interested in completing the study” and give your university affiliation.** You do **NOT** need to provide your name or any additional information: Send your response to: uapsychresearcher@gmail.com or visit <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/dissertationrecruitmentinfo>. For questions about this research, contact Abigail Perelman at amperelman@crimson.ua.edu.

TEXAS BOARD OF LAW EXAMINERS – FILING DEADLINES

<u>Examination Dates</u>	<u>File No Earlier Than</u>	<u>Timely Postmark Deadline</u>	<u>Absolute Postmark Deadline</u>
February	June 30	August 30	October 30
July	November 30	January 30	March 30

INTERNATIONAL BAR ASSOCIATION

The below information is provided by the new **International Bar Association** (IBA) student membership scheme; as it is a project with particular relevance to law students.

The IBA, established in 1947, is the world's leading organization of international legal practitioners, bar associations and law societies. The IBA influences the development of international law reform and shapes the future of the legal profession throughout the world, whilst providing its members with unique international networking and professional development opportunities. Through our **new student membership initiative** the IBA aims to enhance the study of law, by giving students access to the extensive range of academic and professional materials produced by the IBA - resources which are only available to IBA members. As well as some content specifically for students, such as opportunities to have work published, and competitions; all for the nominal charge of £20. Additionally **IBA membership covers a broad range of international legal practitioners**, providing students with the opportunity to familiarize themselves with future employers. Our membership includes top international law firms such as: White & Case LLP, Simpson Thacher Bartlett LLP, Kirkland & Ellis LLP, Davis Polk & Wardwell LLP, Clifford Chance, Allen & Overy LLP, Slaughter and May, Linklaters, and Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer LLP; as well as 195 bar associations and law societies; over 45,000 individual lawyers; over 1,000 corporate counsel members representing hundreds of multinational corporations including Coca-Cola, IBM, Exxon-Mobil and AT&T; and now law students. If you are interested in joining the IBA link to our website: http://www.ibanet.org/PPID/Constituent/Student_Committee/Default.aspx And further information about the benefits of IBA student membership: http://www.ibanet.org/PPID/Constituent/Student_Committee/why_join.aspx

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Permian Basin Area Foundation is pleased to announce the Judge Lucius Bunton Memorial Law Scholarship Fund. Applicants must be a resident of one of the following counties upon his/her graduation: Andrews, Brewster, Crane, Crockett, Culberson, Dawson, Ector, Gaines, Glasscock, Howard, Hudspeth, Jeff Davis, Loving, Martin, Midland, Pecos, Presidio, Reagan,

Reeves, Sterling, Upton, Ward, or Winkler. Information and applications are available at www.pbaf.org. Deadline to apply is **May 30, 2011**.

Women Trial Lawyers Caucus of the American Association for Justice (AAJ) announces the Women for Justice Education Fund's 2011 Mike Eidson Scholarship. The Scholarship is awarded annually to a rising 3L (or rising 4L in a night program) female student who has demonstrated a commitment to a career as a trial lawyer, along with dedication to upholding and defending the principles of the Constitution, and to the concept of a fair trial, the adversary system, and a just result for the injured, the accused, and those whose rights are jeopardized. Application **deadline is May 31, 2011**.

The **American College of Trust and Estate Counsel** Mary Moers Wenig 2011 Student Writing Competition. First prize \$5,000; second prize \$3,000; and third prize \$1,000. Complete rules and entry forms are available at www.actec.org. Deadline is **June 1, 2011**.

The **University of Connecticut Law School** announces their legal writing competition, now in its second year. Prizes include \$750 for the first-place winner, \$500 for the second-place winner, and \$250 for the third-place winner. The competition rules and intent to enter form are available online at <http://www.law.uconn.edu/node/9541>. Deadline to apply is **June 1, 2011**.

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The **American Intellectual Property Law Association (AIPLA)** presents the 2011 Robert C. Watson competition. Award is \$2,000 to the author of best the article on a subject relating to the protection of intellectual property. Award will be presented during the 2011 AIPLA annual meeting in Washington DC. For more information, visit www.aipla.org. Deadline to enter is **June 30, 2011**.

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The **Legal Committee of the Southeastern Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies (SEAFWA)** announces its annual writing contest. Winning paper will be published at the SEAFWA Annual Conference October 22-26, 2011 in Nashville, Tennessee. Winner will receive up to \$1,000 to defray the cost of a trip to the conference to present the paper. Deadline to submit paper is **July 31, 2011**. For information on the SEAFWA please visit www.seafwa.org.

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On March 17-18, 2011 the **EAP Moot Court Team of Marion Reilly (3L) and Phillip Ripper (2L)** participated in the **Federal Bar Association's Younger Lawyers Division 14th Annual Thurgood A. Marshall Memorial Moot Court Competition**. Designed for two-person teams, the competition focuses on written briefs as well as oral arguments. This year 26 teams addressed emerging issues in federal law. Arguments were heard in Washington, D.C. in conjunction with the Federal Bar Association's mid-year meeting. **This was St. Mary's first year** to participate in this particular moot court competition. The **team advanced** out of the preliminary rounds as **the second seeded team**, eventually losing to one of the competition finalists, U.C. Hastings, by one point. **Marion Reilly was honored** as the 3rd best overall advocate in the competition. Congratulations to the advocates and Coach Ricky J. Poole!

SUMMER AND FALL 2011 REGISTRATION TO BEGIN THIS WEEK

Rising 3L, current 2L, will register beginning at 8:00 am on Monday, March 28, 2011 and will continue to register through midnight March 30, 2011.

Rising 2L, current 1L, will register beginning at 8:00 am on Thursday, March 31, 2011 and will continue to register through midnight April 2, 2011.

All year groups will register beginning at 8:00 am April 4, 2011 and continue through April 8, 2011. Registration for spring 2012 will take place in November.

Be sure all business office holds are resolved before registration. A hold will prevent access to registration. Questions should be directed to Catherine Mery at cmery@stmarytx.edu

THE GREAT DEBATE: IMMIGRATION ISSUES IN TEXAS AND THE UNITED STATES

St. Mary's University, The State Bar of Texas Immigration and Nationality Section, Hispanic Law Students Association, and the Hispanic Law Alumni Association invite you to **The Great Debate: Immigration Issues in Texas and the United States on Monday, March 28, 2011 at 12:00 p.m., in the Alumni Room** of the Sarita Kenedy East Law Library. Featured guests at this panel include:

- U.S. Congressman Charles A. Gonzalez
- St. Mary's University President Dr. Charles Cotrell
- Charles Cantú, Dean of St. Mary's Law School
- George Rodriguez, San Antonio Tea Party
- Nina Perales, National Litigation Director for the Mexican American Legal Defense and Education Fund (MALDEF)
- St. Mary's Law Professor Lee Teran
- Dream Act Students
- Moderator: Joseph B. De Mott, Immigration Attorney

Please join us. Refreshments will be provided.

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The Technology and Intellectual Property Law Association

The Technology and Intellectual Property Law Association is pleased to present
“**Copyright, Trademark and Patents.** Join us on **Monday March 28, 2011, 5:30 p.m.** in the **Alumni Room** of the Sarita Kennedy East Law Library to hear **Mr. William Allan Braxdale, J.D.** ’10 and former President of the Technology and Intellectual Property Law Association address:

- Examples of patent prosecution means
- Examples of copyrights & why they are important
- Examples of trademark law
- How they all overlap
- A little bit of technology licensing
- Don’t need to be an engineer to do IP

Also at this meeting, we will be accepting candidate names for the 2011-2012 Tech and IP Association officer positions. Elections will take place April 11, 2011. Food and beverages will be provided.

BLSA BAKE SALE

The **Black Law Student Association (BLSA)** will hold a bake sale on **Tuesday, March 29, 2011** in the **law classroom building** from **9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.** BLSA invites everyone to come out and purchase some tasty homemade goodies.

NATIONAL LAW STUDENT MENTAL HEALTH WEEK ACTIVITIES

- **Monday, March 28, 2011, 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Raba Foyer**
Join us for free food and fun. Drop by, come eat lunch and get some great self care, de-stressing ideas. This event sponsored by Student Psychological and Testing Services and the Law School.
- **Wednesday, March 30, 2011, 12:00 – 1:00 p.m., Alumni Room**
Practicing Law and Wellness: Modern Strategies for Lawyers Dealing with Anxiety, Addiction, and Depression. Speakers are Allan K. DuBois and Thomas G. Keyser. This program offers .75 hr of ethics CLE which is good for one year, so graduates will be able to use the credit after they are barred. **THIS EVENT IS OPEN TO CLASS OF 2011 GRADUATES ONLY.** Please RSVP in the Events Section of Symplicity under Workshops. This event is sponsored by the Office of Career Services.
- **Wednesday, March 30, 2011, 4:00 – 6:00 p.m., Law Plaza**
1L Q&A: Don’t Stress. Just Ask! This is an opportunity for 1Ls to meet and greet with 2Ls and 3Ls who are involved in a wide range of organizations and to seek advice on

classes. This event is sponsored by your SBA.

- **Friday, April 1, 2011, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.**
SBA Volunteer Day at the San Antonio Food Bank. All students are invited to come out and volunteer at the San Antonio Food Bank. Afterwards there will be a community service happy hour. This event is sponsored by your SBA.
- **Friday, April 1, 2011, 7:00 p.m.**
Law Revue: “The Wizard of Laws” at Alamo Drafthouse Westlakes, 1255 S.W. Loop 410. This is a theatrical performance with a legal twist. Come relax, laugh, and have some fun. This event is sponsored by your SBA.

JAMES DERRICK III CONSTITUTIONAL LAW DEBATE

The **James Derrick III Constitutional Law Debate** will be held on **Saturday, April 9, 2011, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at The Center for Legal and Social Justice.** The contest is open to all law students. Sign up ends and packets will be distributed on Friday, April 1, 2011. Competitors will debate whether TSA's virtual strip scans or enhanced pat downs for domestic travelers at airport checkpoints comports with the Fourth Amendment's proscription against unreasonable searches. Monetary prizes will be awarded. For more information please contact coordinator Marion Reilly at marionmreilly@gmail.com. This contest is sponsored by St. Mary's School of Law and Law Ministry.

FIESTA FAREWELL

Fiesta Farewell will honor the **Class of 2011** as “Almost Alumni” on **Monday, April 11, 2011.** The program **will begin at 12:00 p.m.** in the **Law School Plaza.** Remarks will be given by Charles E. Cantú, J.D., M.C.L., L.L.M., Dean and St. Mary's University Distinguished South Texas Professor of Law. Presentation of various awards and Blessing of Third Year Students will be given. **Everyone is invited** to a fiesta lunch and service awards. Graduation picture will follow the program. All graduating seniors are asked to dress appropriately for the photo op.

STAFF WRITER APPLICATIONS NOW AVAILABLE FOR *THE SCHOLAR*

Applications for 2011–2012 Staff Writer positions for Volume 14 of *The Scholar: St. Mary's Law Review on Minority Issues* are available beginning Friday, March 25th and are due **Monday, April 4, 2011 at 5:00 p.m.**

The Scholar's mission is to provide a “voice for the voiceless” by speaking on behalf of minorities everywhere through the forum of a law review. All eligible rising 2L and 3L applicants are encouraged to apply. In addition to participating on a law review, all Staff Writers will fulfill their writing credit requirement, have the opportunity to become published, and receive four hours of academic credit over the spring and fall semesters. Second-year law students will also have the opportunity to pursue positions on the 2012–2013 Editorial Board.

Each Staff Writer applicant will be evaluated on a variety of individual skills and

abilities. Writing skills and academic achievement weigh heavily in all applications, but *The Scholar* also seeks to assess applicants based on work experience, community involvement, interest in minority issues, and an individual interview.

The 2011–2012 Staff Writer Application is currently available for download on the TWEN site “The Scholar Staff Writer Application (Spring 2011).” Staff Writer applications may be submitted per the process outlined in the application via TWEN or hard copies may be turned in to Francisca Perez, Administrative Secretary for *The Scholar*, in LL 222.

SUBMITTING PRO BONO/COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS

You may submit your logged Pro Bono or Community Service hours after each volunteer event or (preferably) after collecting at least a few hours at a few events on one form. You may submit your hours tracking form (found on the Pro Bono TWEN page under "Submitting & Tracking Your Hours" and from the Pro Bono desk in Raba) one of three ways:

1. In person at the Pro Bono Table in Raba, Mondays from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. or Tuesdays from 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.; or
2. Leaving the form in the Pro Bono drop box hanging on the wall just to the right of Sister Grace's office door; or
3. Sending a scanned version via email to StMarysProBono@gmail.com.

GRADUATING THIS SPRING 2011?

All students set to graduate this spring 2011 who believe they are **eligible for the Pro Bono Certificate and/or Community Service Achievement Recognition** must send an email to StMarysProBono@gmail.com by March 31, 2011, with the following items:

1. Name.
2. Student ID Number.
3. Indicating May 2011 as your expected graduation.
4. Whether you completed and submitted at least 50 hours towards Pro Bono and/or Community Service. (**Indicate one or both.**) If you have questions regarding the number of hours previously submitted (i.e., to verify your eligibility for the Certificate and/or Achievement Recognition), include the following information:
5. The semester you started collecting/submitted hours (i.e., usually your 1L first semester).
6. How many hours you believe or think you should have.

If you have questions, you will receive a response (depending on the number of requests received); if you do not have any questions (or do not include any of the above information) a response will not be sent.

Note: If you were/are enrolled in (and successfully completed) any of the St. Mary's Legal Clinical Education Program classes, you are automatically eligible for the Pro Bono Certificate;

there is no need to submit the above requested information.

ORDER OF BARRISTERS APPLICATIONS

The **Order of Barristers** is a national honorary organization whose purpose is the encouragement of oral advocacy and brief writing skills. The Order – which is **open only to graduating third-year law students** – provides national recognition for individuals who have excelled in advocacy and service at their respective schools. St. Mary's School of Law is permitted to select **ten new members** each year. If you are interested in being considered for The Order of Barristers, please pick up an application form from Professor Dave Schlueter, Chairman of the Faculty Advocacy Committee, LFB 270. The faculty's Advocacy Committee will review and select the new members and announce their names at the **Barristers' Ball** on Friday, April 15, 2011. These applications will also be used, in part, to determine the recipients of the various faculty awards for outstanding advocacy. Please note that seeking or obtaining advice or assistance from any faculty member (full time, visiting, or adjunct) other than the Chair of the Advocacy Committee (Professor Schlueter) concerning your application or its contents is strictly prohibited. All **completed applications must be returned** to Professor Schlueter's office no later than **NOON on Monday, March 28, 2011**.

EAP MOCK TRIAL TRYOUTS

In the next several weeks, the coaches for the EAP Mock Trial teams will be holding interviews and tryouts for next year's mock trial teams. Applications will be posted on Professor Schlueter's office door (LFB 270) this week. If you are interested in being considered, please pick up one of those applications at your earliest convenience and return it to Professor Schlueter's office by **5:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 31, 2011**. When you turn in your application you should sign up for one of the time slots posted on his office door. The coaches will announce their selections at the annual Barristers' Ball, scheduled for Friday, April 15, 2011.

If you have any questions about the process please feel free to contact Professor Schlueter or Adjunct Professor Nicole Thornbro, at nicolet Thornbro@hotmail.com.

FALL 2011 ACADEMIC SCHOLAR APPLICATIONS

The Office of Academic Support is **seeking second- and third-year law students** to serve as **Academic Scholars** to teach skills to first-year students during the fall 2011 semester. Prospective Scholars should be conscientious, possess a personal standard of academic excellence, work well with students from diverse educational backgrounds, communicate effectively, and exhibit a desire to teach and learn.

QUALIFICATIONS

1. Be currently enrolled at St. Mary's.
2. Be interested in teaching basic law school skills to a diverse group of 1Ls.
3. Be conscientious and creative.
4. Be able to demonstrate academic achievement.

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Scholars are expected to lead weekly classes or hold individual meetings depending on the needs of students and time of year. Scholars will receive a \$1,250.00 stipend for the semester. For an application, please visit the Office of Academic Support in Raba 106E. For more information, please call Director Kathryn Tullos at 210-436-3541.

All applications are due in the Office of Academic Support by **12:00 p.m. on Friday, April 8, 2011.**

EMILIANO INFANTE SEGRERA SCHOLARSHIP TO INNSBRUCK

This scholarship is offered through the generous support of Mr. Emil R. Infante, Esq. LLM who is a 2000 graduate of St. Mary's University School of Law and a former attendee of the Innsbruck program. Students must be currently enrolled in St. Mary's University School of Law who are in good standing and eligible to attend the Innsbruck program. Students must submit a hard copy of their letter of application by **5:00 pm, May 1, 2011 to Prof. Gerald Reamey, LFB 226** or by placing it in his faculty mailbox in Raba. Students can pick up a hard copy of the scholarship from the bulletin boards on campus, Prof. Gerald Reamey or on the Innsbruck website.

LAW JOURNAL WRITE-ON COMPETITION & INFORMATIONAL MEETINGS

The *St. Mary's Law Journal* Volume 43 Editorial Board is excited to announce its write-on competition. The write-on competition is the process by which the *Journal* selects qualified applicants to serve as Staff Writers for the 2011–2012 academic year. The competition is designed to select applicants who have achieved academic success as well as those who are highly motivated and willing to learn. Staff Writers will be chosen from three categories of candidates. First, the applicants who write the top writing entries will be selected for *Journal* membership. After those applicants are selected, the applicants with the top grade point averages will be selected. Finally, the remaining top weighted scores will be selected based on a combination of grades and writing ability.

The write-on competition packet will be available to all 1Ls and 2LEs on the last day of finals, Friday, May 6. 1Ls and 2LEs may pick up the application in the law classroom building between 11:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. or at the *Journal* office. Packets will cost \$3.00 to cover printing. The packet will detail a current legal issue and will contain several different legal authorities. These authorities will range from cases to law journal and newspaper articles. The goal is to write a well developed and properly cited paper utilizing the sources provided. The application **deadline is Friday, May 27, 2011.** Applicants must either mail their entries to the *Journal* with a postmark of Friday, May 27 or earlier or must bring their applications to the *Journal* office by that date. Applications sent by mail must be received in the *Journal* office no later than ten days after Friday, May 27 to be considered for the competition.

Questions regarding the *Journal* write-on competition may be addressed to Allison Stewart at Allison.M.Ellis@gmail.com.

The *Journal* will host **3 informational sessions** to give prospective Staff Writers the

ability to hear presentations concerning *Journal* membership and the write-on competition. The Volume 43 Editorial Board will be available to answer questions, and food will be served. The meetings are as follows:

Wednesday, April 6: 12:00 – 1:00 p.m., Alumni Room
5:00 – 6:00 p.m., Alumni Room

Thursday, April 7: 12:00 – 1:00 p.m., Atrium

OFFICE OF CAREER SERVICES

- **SABA Mentoring Program and St. Mary's University School of Law presents Justice Phylis Speedlin on Appellate Briefs and Oral Argument**
Tuesday, March 29, 2011, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m., Law Alumni Room, dinner will be served.

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- **Mandatory Fall Recruiting Information Session**
Class of 2013 students interested in participating in Fall Recruiting must attend one of the below listed sessions:

March 29, 2011, 1:00 – 1:30 p.m., Alumni Room
March 30, 2011, 5:00 – 5:30 p.m., Alumni Room
April 4, 2011, 5:00 – 5:30 p.m., Alumni Room

- **Class of 2012 - Judicial Clerkship Information Session**
Thursday, April 7, 2011, 12:00 – 1:00 p.m., Law Alumni Room, lunch will be served.

Attend this program to learn about the application process on the state and federal level and the Office of Career Services Clerkship Mailing Program. Professors and students will be there to discuss the process and answer questions.

- **Please RSVP** for any of the above workshops in the Events Section of Symplicity under

Workshops. <https://law-stmarytx-csm.symplicity.com/students/> It is important to RSVP. Those who do will be allowed to eat first; the rest will be able to attend the program but will be asked to wait until the end to eat what has remained.

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<u>Examination Dates</u>	<u>File No Earlier Than</u>	<u>Timely Postmark Deadline</u>	<u>Absolute Postmark Deadline</u>
February	June 30	August 30	October 30
July	November 30	January 30	March 30

TEXAS LAWYERS CONCERNED FOR LAWYERS

The 22nd **Annual Convention of Texas Lawyers Concerned for Lawyers** will be held **June 3-5, 2011** at the **Hyatt Regency Hotel in Austin, Texas**. Registration begins at 4:30 p.m. and the conference will assemble at 7:00 p.m. The conference will run through Sunday, June 5 ending at 12:00 p.m. Hotel group rate of \$115 is available until May 4. **Registration fee** for the conference is \$220. **Scholarships are available**. Application for CLE is pending. For more information, scholarship, or registration forms please email Bree.Buchanan@texasbar.com.

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NEW – Call For Student Papers – **Terasem Movement** 7th Annual Colloquium on the Law of Futuristic Persons. Interested participants should submit a 6,000 – 10,000 word (including footnotes) analysis of the legal rights and obligations of futuristic persons, defined as a being who claims to have the rights and obligations associated with humans, but is beyond currently accepted notions of legal personhood. An appellate brief, 4,000 – 6,000 words (including footnotes) in support or in opposition to the granting of U.S. citizenship to a futuristic person, as previously defined. Chosen participants will receive a \$1,000 honorarium. Deadline to apply is **September 9, 2011**.

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Congratulations to **Trevor Hall, 3L** who was selected as the only recipient of the **ABA Law Student Division Gold Key** at the Spring Board of Governors annual meeting. The Gold Key is the highest award given to ABA Law Student Division Board members for exceptional service to the Division. A limited number of Gold Keys are awarded by the Chair of the Law Student Division at the Spring Board of Governors Meeting or Annual Meeting.

A **recipient of the Gold Key** has demonstrated the highest degree of service, dedication, and leadership to the Division, has conscientiously furthered the Division's purpose of achieving solutions of problems which confront today's society, has strengthened law student participation in the programs and activities of the Division, and has encouraged the educational and professional development of law students.

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LINDA AND DAVE SCHLUETER 1L MOOT COURT RESULTS

Congratulations to **Amanda Finn and Cynthia Trevino** for winning the **Linda and Dave Schlueter First Year Moot Court Competition**. The final round was held Tuesday, March 29, 2011 at noon. Finn and Trevino were representing the respondent and went up against Meagan Scott and Lauren Valkenaar who were representing the petitioner. **Valkenaar was named best speaker in the final round**. The panel of judges consisted of Judge Patrick Higginbotham, presiding, Judge Fortunato Benavides, and Judge Xavier Rodriguez. Thank you to all who competed and congratulations to those teams who broke.

FIESTA FAREWELL

Fiesta Farewell will honor the **Class of 2011** as "Almost Alumni" on **Monday, April 11, 2011**. The program **will begin at 12:00 p.m.** in the **Law School Plaza**. Remarks will be given by Charles E. Cantú, J.D., M.C.L., L.L.M., Dean and St. Mary's University Distinguished South Texas Professor of Law. Presentation of various awards and Blessing of Third Year Students will be given. **Everyone is invited** to a fiesta lunch and service awards. Graduation picture will follow the program. All graduating seniors are asked to dress appropriately for the photo op.

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All year groups will register beginning at 8:00 a.m., April 4, 2011 and continue through April 8, 2011. Registration for spring 2012 will take place in November.

Be sure all business office holds are resolved before registration. A hold will prevent access to registration. Questions should be directed to Catherine Mery at cmery@stmarytx.edu.

ST. MARY'S UNIVERSITY EAP MOOT COURT TEAM TRYOUTS

The **EAP Moot Court Team** will hold open **tryouts** for First- and Second-Year Law Students on **Monday, April 4 through Thursday, April 9, 2011** (no tryouts on Tuesday). Please sign up to try out for the Team via TWEN under "EAP Moot Court - Tryout Sign-up Sheets."

The EAP Moot Court Team represents St. Mary's at state, regional and national moot court competitions throughout the country. St. Mary's teams have competed in every major city in Texas and numerous cities outside the state, including New York, Chicago, Washington D.C., Boston, St. Louis, New Orleans, Atlanta, San Diego and Albuquerque. Last year, St. Mary's competed in Toronto, Canada.

Since the year 2000, the success of the EAP Moot Court program has brought St. Mary's two state championships, numerous regional championships, two national finalist rankings, and two national championships in advocacy. Along the way, St. Mary's students have been individually recognized as well, receiving numerous brief and advocacy awards, including Best Brief at a National competition (twice), Best Brief in the State of Texas, and Best Advocate in the state (twice), region (twice), and nation (twice).

If you would like to have the opportunity to add your name to the distinguished list of St. Mary's advocates that have brought recognition to themselves and to this law school, and if you are interested in representing St. Mary's nationally and competing against the best advocates from the best law schools in the country, please sign up for a time-slot on TWEN, bring a resume and be prepared to present a 10-minute oral argument from the First Year Moot Court problem (you choose the side you would like to present—there will be no rebuttal). There will be a short interview following your presentation. If you are interested in joining the EAP Moot Court Program as a brief writer, please bring a resume and a writing sample to the tryouts. *Please note: you may try out as an oral advocate, brief writer, or both--indicate your selection on the drop down box in TWEN.* Those that wish to be considered only for a brief writing position need not present an oral argument, but do need to reserve a time slot so that you can be interviewed.

Candidates will be emailed with the try-out location and any last minute information. All candidates should come to the tryouts in dress appropriate for appellate argument. You may be videotaped. Contact Coach Ricky Poole, rpoole@alamocityattorney.com, with questions regarding the Team. Contact Marion Reilly, marionmreilly@gmail.com, (925) 980-9998 with technical questions about tryouts, signing-up and time commitment information.

JAMES DERRICK III CONSTITUTIONAL LAW DEBATE

The **James Derrick III Constitutional Law Debate** will be held on **Saturday, April 9, 2011, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at The Center for Legal and Social Justice**. The contest is open to all law students. Competitors will debate whether TSA's virtual strip scans or enhanced pat downs for domestic travelers at airport checkpoints comports with the Fourth Amendment's proscription against unreasonable searches. Monetary prizes will be awarded. For more information please contact coordinator Marion Reilly at marionmreilly@gmail.com. This contest is sponsored by St. Mary's School of Law and Law Ministry.

STAFF WRITER APPLICATION DEADLINE: MONDAY, APRIL 4TH

Applications for 2011–2012 Staff Writer positions for Volume 14 of *The Scholar: St. Mary's Law Review on Minority Issues* are **due at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, April 4, 2011**.

Staff Writer applications may be submitted per the process outlined in the application via TWEN or hard copies may be turned in to Francisca Perez, Administrative Secretary for *The Scholar*, in LL 222.

The Scholar's mission is to provide a “voice for the voiceless” by speaking on behalf of minorities everywhere through the forum of a law review. All eligible rising 2L and 3L applicants are encouraged to apply. In addition to participating on a law review, all Staff Writers will fulfill their writing credit requirement, have the opportunity to become published, and receive four hours of academic credit over the spring and fall semesters. Second-year law students will also have the opportunity to pursue positions on the 2012–2013 Editorial Board.

Each Staff Writer applicant will be evaluated on a variety of individual skills and abilities. Writing skills and academic achievement weigh heavily in all applications, but *The Scholar* also seeks to assess applicants based on work experience, community involvement, interest in minority issues, and an individual interview.

ASK-A-LAWYER – FREE WALK-IN LEGAL CLINIC

Ask-A Lawyer is seeking Law Students to participate in this week's event!

ABOUT THE CLINIC: The Ask-A-Lawyer Clinic is hosted by Catholic Charities of San Antonio and St. Mary's School of Law. You, the law student volunteers interview individuals from the community about various real world legal issues. Next, you consult with licensed attorneys about the facts and legal issues presented. Finally, based on your and the attorney's assessments individuals are offered legal information, and if necessary, are referred to legal aid, or to other attorneys who will work on a sliding scale payment plan or might take a case pro bono. Most cases result in information only.

WHO: Any Law Student 1L–3L. You are aiding individuals seeking information about legal issues who may not be able to afford legal services. Past issues have included, but are not limited to: custody, divorce, immigration, bankruptcy, identity theft, estate planning, probate, employment issues, etc.

WHEN: Friday, April 8, 2011 from 5:30 - 8:30 p.m.

WHERE: *The Neighborhood Place*, 3014 Rivas St., San Antonio, TX 78228

HOW: There is no registration. Just show up on the date and at the address above between 5:15 – 5:30 p.m. Dress: Suit/Skirt, etc. is not required, but note, you are representing yourself as a future attorney to the community.

WHY: It is engaging, fun, and you are doing something honorable for the community. All students who have volunteered have said that it was one of their greatest experiences in law school. Also, you gain: experience speaking directly with clients facing real world legal issues; an opportunity to meet attorneys; and pro bono service hours towards your pro bono certificate. Food and drinks are provided.

CONTACT: For questions please contact Kimbel Ward at kimbelward@gmail.com, (210) 488-7310 or call the Immigration Department of Catholic Charities at 433-3256 (ext. 114) for more information.

APALSA MEETING

The **Asian Pacific American Law Student Association** is having their final meeting of the Spring semester on **Monday, April 11, 2011 at 5:15 p.m.** – location TBD. APALSA will host an informal meet and greet with Judge Sakai of the Bexar County 225th District Court, as well as introduce the new Executive Board for the 2011-2012 academic year. Anyone is welcome to attend. Food will be provided.

SUMMER RESEARCH ASSISTANT NEEDED

Professor Vincent R. Johnson needs to **hire a research assistant** for work related to an article on former Supreme Court Justice Tom C. Clark. Interest or background in American political or legal history would be helpful. There may be some need for research on individual cases or lines of cases. Some research may relate to the 1960s. Physical presence in San Antonio is not essential. Amount of work is very uncertain. Submit a resume and expression of interest by e-mail to Professor Johnson no later than **Tuesday, April 12** at vjohnson@stmarytx.edu.

A PRESENTATION ON THE FINANCIAL VALUE OF YOUR LAW DEGREE

How Recent Legislation Can Restore the Economic Value of Your J.D.

Learn what steps you need to take in order to position your debt, tax filing and finances to fully realize the benefits of these pivotal statutory student loan changes. Join us on **Tuesday, April 12, 2011, Alumni Room** in the Sarita Kenedy East Law Library, **4:00 – 5:00 p.m.** Food and refreshments will be served. This event is sponsored by the Black Law Student Association.

TICKETS ON SALE FOR BARRISTER'S BALL

The **Board of Advocates** is now selling tickets for the Barrister's Ball in the Law Classroom building for the next two weeks. **Barrister's Ball** is an opportunity for students to be recognized for accomplishments in written and oral advocacy including First Year Moot Court, EAP Moot Court, EAP Mock Trial, in-school competitions, Clinic, and Order of the Barristers.

Barrister's Ball will be held **Friday, April 15, 2011** at the **Omni Colonnade** located at IH10 and Wurzbach starting at 7:30 p.m. with a cocktail reception, followed by dinner. The event will end about 11:00 p.m. Tickets are \$35 per ticket, or \$60 for two. You may pick up your tickets in the Law Classroom building or by emailing Joey Caputo at joey.caputo522@gmail.com. Barrister's Ball is a great opportunity to mingle with students and faculty, to honor your fellow classmates, and to network and meet local attorneys and judges as many will be on-hand.

FALL 2011 ACADEMIC SCHOLAR APPLICATIONS

The Office of Academic Support is **seeking second- and third-year law students** to serve as **Academic Scholars** to teach skills to first-year students during the fall 2011 semester. Prospective Scholars should be conscientious, possess a personal standard of academic excellence, work well with students from diverse educational backgrounds, communicate effectively, and exhibit a desire to teach and learn.

QUALIFICATIONS

1. Be currently enrolled at St. Mary's.
2. Be interested in teaching basic law school skills to a diverse group of 1Ls.
3. Be conscientious and creative.
4. Be able to demonstrate academic achievement.

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Scholars are expected to lead weekly classes or hold individual meetings depending on the needs of students and time of year. Scholars will receive a \$1,250.00 stipend for the semester. For an application, please visit the Office of Academic Support in Raba 106E. For more information, please call Director Kathryn Tullos at 210-436-3541.

All applications are due in the Office of Academic Support by **12:00 p.m. on Friday, April 8, 2011.**

EVENING STUDENT BAR ASSOCIATION FUND

The Evening Student Bar Association (ESBA) is giving out two financial awards this semester.

- 1 - \$500 Evening Student Excellence Award
- 1 - \$500 Evening Student Bar Prep Award

Please check your email or TWEN "**Evening Student Forum**" for the application. You can also email StMarysESBA@gmail.com to request an application. **Deadline to apply is April 13, 2011.**

SUBMITTING PRO BONO/COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS

You may submit your logged Pro Bono or Community Service hours after each volunteer event or (preferably) after collecting at least a few hours at a few events on one form. You may submit your hours tracking form (found on the Pro Bono TWEN page under "Submitting & Tracking Your Hours" and from the Pro Bono desk in Raba) one of three ways:

1. In person at the Pro Bono Table in Raba, Mondays from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. or Tuesdays from 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.; or
2. Leaving the form in the Pro Bono drop box hanging on the wall just to the right of Sister Grace's office door; or
3. Sending a scanned version via email to StMarysProBono@gmail.com.

EMILIANO INFANTE SEGRERA SCHOLARSHIP TO INNSBRUCK

This scholarship is offered through the generous support of Mr. Emil R. Infante, Esq. LL.M. who is a 2000 graduate of St. Mary's University School of Law and a former attendee of the Innsbruck program. Students must be currently enrolled in St. Mary's University School of Law who are in good standing and eligible to attend the Innsbruck program. Students must submit a hard copy of their letter of application by **5:00 p.m., May 1, 2011 to Prof. Gerald Reamey, LFB 226** or by placing it in his faculty mailbox in Raba. Students can pick up a hard copy of the scholarship from the bulletin boards on campus, Prof. Gerald Reamey or on the Innsbruck website.

LAW JOURNAL WRITE-ON COMPETITION & INFORMATIONAL MEETINGS

The *St. Mary's Law Journal* Volume 43 Editorial Board is excited to announce its write-on competition. The write-on competition is the process by which the *Journal* selects qualified applicants to serve as Staff Writers for the 2011–2012 academic year. The competition is designed to select applicants who have achieved academic success as well as those who are highly motivated and willing to learn. Staff Writers will be chosen from three categories of candidates. First, the applicants who write the top writing entries will be selected for *Journal* membership. After those applicants are selected, the applicants with the top grade point averages will be selected. Finally, the remaining top weighted scores will be selected based on a combination of grades and writing ability.

The write-on competition packet will be available to all 1Ls and 2LEs on the last day of finals, Friday, May 6. 1Ls and 2LEs may pick up the application in the law classroom building between 11:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. or at the *Journal* office. Packets will cost \$3.00 to cover printing. The packet will detail a current legal issue and will contain several different legal authorities. These authorities will range from cases to law journal and newspaper articles. The

goal is to write a well developed and properly cited paper utilizing the sources provided. The application **deadline is Friday, May 27, 2011**. Applicants must either mail their entries to the *Journal* with a postmark of Friday, May 27 or earlier or must bring their applications to the *Journal* office by that date. Applications sent by mail must be received in the *Journal* office no later than ten days after Friday, May 27 to be considered for the competition.

Questions regarding the *Journal* write-on competition may be addressed to Allison Stewart at Allison.M.Ellis@gmail.com.

The *Journal* will host **3 informational sessions** to give prospective Staff Writers the ability to hear presentations concerning *Journal* membership and the write-on competition. The Volume 43 Editorial Board will be available to answer questions, and food will be served. The meetings are as follows:

Wednesday, April 6: 12:00 – 1:00 p.m., Alumni Room

5:00 – 6:00 p.m., Alumni Room

Thursday, April 7: 12:00 – 1:00 p.m., Atrium

OFFICE OF CAREER SERVICES

- **Class of 2013 Mandatory Fall Recruiting Information Session**
April 4, 2011, 5:00 – 5:30 p.m., Alumni Room
- **Class of 2012 - Judicial Clerkship Information Session**
Thursday, April 7, 2011, 12:00 – 1:00 p.m., Law Alumni Room, lunch will be served.

Attend this program to learn about the application process on the state and federal level and the Office of Career Services Clerkship Mailing Program. Professors and students will be there to discuss the process and answer questions.

- **Please RSVP** for the above workshops in the Events Section of Symplicity under Workshops. <https://law-stmarytx-csm.symplicity.com/students/> It is important to RSVP. Those who do will be allowed to eat first; the rest will be able to attend the program but will be asked to wait until the end to eat what has remained.

HELP ELECT ST. MARY'S LAW ALUMNI TO TYLA PRESIDENT

One of our alumni, Mr. David Courreges '05, is currently one of two candidates for President-Elect of the Texas Young Lawyers Association (TYLA). David currently serves as the TYLA vice-president as well as the president-elect of the St. Mary's Law Alumni Association. If you know any licensed Texas lawyer who is 36 years of age or younger, or who is in their first five years of practice, please urge them to vote for David. This is not only a tremendous honor for him, but will be a great source of pride for the St. Mary's Law community, as it helps to further our reputation across the state.

The TYLA is commonly referred to as the "**public service arm**" of the **State Bar**. Their

programs are designed to assist Texas attorneys in their practice of law and to provide public legal education services to Texans. To learn more about TYLA, please go to www.tyla.org/. You can learn more about David's campaign by going to www.davidcourreges.com.

TYLA president-elect votes may be cast either via paper ballot or by voting online by going to www.texasbar.com through May 2, 2011.

TEXAS LAWYERS CONCERNED FOR LAWYERS

The 22nd **Annual Convention of Texas Lawyers Concerned for Lawyers** will be held **June 3-5, 2011** at the **Hyatt Regency Hotel in Austin, Texas**. Registration begins at 4:30 p.m. and the conference will assemble at 7:00 p.m. The conference will run through Sunday, June 5 ending at 12:00 p.m. Hotel group rate of \$115 is available until May 4. **Registration fee** for the conference is \$220. **Scholarships are available**. Application for CLE is pending. For more information, scholarship, or registration forms please email Bree.Buchanan@texasbar.com.

WRITING COMPETITIONS, FELLOWSHIPS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

For a copy of detailed information regarding the below writing competitions and scholarships, please email Bebe Gonzales at bgonzales@stmarytx.edu.

The **State Bar of Texas Law Student Division** announces its 2011 Essay Contest. This year's theme is *The Legacy of John Adams, From Boston to Guantanamo*. Explore how lawyers in the past and present have promoted justice by defending unpopular clients. Two scholarship recipients will be chosen and each will receive \$1,000. The essay contest is open to State Bar of Texas Law Student Division members only. Deadline to submit essay is **Friday, April 15, 2011**.

NEW – The **National Law Review** (NLR) is pleased to announce they are accepting submissions for the NLR 2011 Law Student Writing Competition. Submission deadline for a Tax Law topic is **April 25, 2011**. For more information and submission guidelines, please visit <http://www.natlawreview.com/NLR-law-student-writing-competition>.

The **National Association of Chapter 13 Trustees** has established an annual student writing competition to encourage and reward original law student writing on issues concerning consumer bankruptcy and the law. Entrants should submit an essay, article, or comment on an issue concerning Chapter 13 of the Bankruptcy Code. The author of the first-place essay will receive a prize of \$1000 and the essay will be published in the NACTT Quarterly. Entries must be received by **April 30, 2011**.

Notre Dame Law School Smith-Doheny Legal Ethics Writing Competition Call For Papers. Entries should concern any issue within the general category of legal ethics. Entries must be original, unpublished work and must not exceed 50 pages, including notes. Coauthored essays may be submitted. Prize money is \$2,500. Entries must be received by 5:00 p.m., **Friday, April 29, 2011**. Submit Entries to: Smith-Doheny Legal Ethics Writing Competition, Notre Dame Law School, Notre Dame, Indiana 46556. For more information, please email

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The **Baker Donelson Diversity Scholarship** is now available. Baker Donelson will award three scholarships to diverse law students who will complete their first year of law school by June 2011. Each recipient will be awarded \$10,000 which will be paid prior to the student's third year of law school to help defray the cost of law school tuition and related expenses. For questions, please contact Helen Beasley at hbeasley@bakerdonelson.com or 205.328.0480. For complete eligibility criteria, instructions, and to apply for the Scholarship Program please visit: www.bakerdonelson.com/diversity-scholarship-diversity-practices Application deadline is **June 17, 2011**.

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Congratulations to **Kevin Moczygemba, Michael Morris, Kimberly Painter and Lisa Rascoe**, all 3Ls, on being selected to the **Presidential Management Fellows (PMF) Program**. The PMF Program bears the Presidential moniker and is a flagship leadership development program for advanced degree candidates. It was created more than three decades ago by Executive Order and has gone through many changes over the years. The Program attracts and selects the best candidates possible. However its focus is developing a cadre of potential government leaders. It provides some sustenance during the first years of employment and encourages development of leadership capabilities. The PMF Program inculcates a lasting bond as well as a spirit of public service, ultimately encouraging and leading to a career in the government.

FIESTA FAREWELL – TODAY AT NOON

Fiesta Farewell will honor the **Class of 2011** as “Almost Alumni” today, **Monday, April 11, 2011**. The program **will begin at 12:00 p.m.** in the **Law School Plaza**. Remarks will be given by Charles E. Cantú, J.D., M.C.L., L.L.M., Dean and St. Mary’s University Distinguished South Texas Professor of Law. Presentation of various awards and Blessing of Third Year Students will be given. **Everyone is invited** to a fiesta lunch and service awards. Graduation picture will follow the program. All graduating seniors are asked to dress appropriately for the photo op.

APALSA MEETING

The **Asian Pacific American Law Student Association** is having their final meeting of the Spring semester on **Monday, April 11, 2011 at 5:15 p.m.** in the Alumni Room. APALSA will host an informal meet and greet with Judge Sakai of the Bexar County 225th District Court, as well as introduce the new Executive Board for the 2011-2012 academic year. Anyone is welcome to attend. Food will be provided.

A PRESENTATION ON THE FINANCIAL VALUE OF YOUR LAW DEGREE

How Recent Legislation Can Restore the Economic Value of Your J.D.

Learn what steps you need to take in order to position your debt, tax filing and finances to fully realize the benefits of these pivotal statutory student loan changes. Join us on **Tuesday, April 12, 2011, Alumni Room** in the Sarita Kenedy East Law Library, **4:00 – 5:00 p.m.** Food and refreshments will be served. This event is sponsored by the Black Law Student Association.

EVENING STUDENT BAR ASSOCIATION FUND

The Evening Student Bar Association (ESBA) is giving out two financial awards this semester.

- 1 - \$500 Evening Student Excellence Award
- 1 - \$500 Evening Student Bar Prep Award

Please check your email or TWEN "**Evening Student Forum**" for the application. You can also email StMarysESBA@gmail.com to request an application. **Deadline to apply is Wednesday, April 13, 2011.**



THE FEDERALIST SOCIETY

April 13: Noon, Alumni Room

“Black Panthers, Voting Rights and the Obama Justice Department”

by: J. Christian Adams



The Federalist Society at St. Mary’s Law welcomes J. Christian Adams, founder of the Election Law Center and former United States Department of Justice official. Adams famously resigned his position over concerns about racial bias in the Department of Justice's handling of the New Black Panther Party voter intimidation cases and has been openly critical of the Department in this regard, voicing his opinion through numerous media appearances. Do not miss this opportunity to hear about the inside baseball behind the actions of your Department of Justice.

April 14: Noon, Alumni Room

“Federal Elections: Voter ID Cards”

by: Hans von Spakovsky, *Heritage Foundation*

The Federalist Society at St. Mary’s Law welcomes Hans von Spakovsky of the ***Heritage Foundation***. Hans is a 1984 graduate of Vanderbilt University School of Law and he received a bachelor's degree in 1981 from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He currently resides in Vienna, Va.

Hans von Spakovsky examines how civil justice is administered in state and federal courts as senior legal fellow in The Heritage Foundation’s Center for Legal and Judicial Studies. As manager of the think tank’s Civil Justice Reform Initiative, von Spakovsky is particularly interested in the ways that plaintiffs’ attorneys and activists try to manipulate the courts for their own ends – at the expense of the public. The project studies not only how the civil justice system can be protected but improved and made more efficient, resulting in greater fairness and predictability for all. Do not miss this opportunity to hear a senior fellow from the ***Heritage Foundation*** talk about proposed changes to your federal election process.

The purpose of The St. Mary’s Federalist Society Chapter is to foster critical thought and debate about the application of conservative principles to the law. The Chapter embraces the principle that the state exists to preserve freedom, that the separation of governmental powers is central to the integrity of the Constitution of the United States of America, and that it is emphatically the province and duty of the judiciary to say what the law is – not what it should be. The Chapter seeks both to promote an awareness of these principles and to further their application through its activities. This entails reordering priorities within the legal system so as to place a premium on individual liberty, traditional values, and the rule of law. It also entails restoring recognition of these norms among lawyers, judges, law students, and professors.

TICKETS ON SALE FOR BARRISTER'S BALL

The **Board of Advocates** is now selling tickets for the Barrister's Ball in the Law Classroom building for the next two weeks. **Barrister's Ball** is an opportunity for students to be recognized for accomplishments in written and oral advocacy including First Year Moot Court, EAP Moot Court, EAP Mock Trial, in-school competitions, Clinic, and Order of the Barristers.

Barrister's Ball will be held **Friday, April 15, 2011** at the **Omni Colonnade** located at IH10 and Wurzbach starting with a cocktail reception at 7:30 p.m. and followed by dinner. The event will end about 11:00 p.m. Tickets are \$35 per ticket, or \$60 for two. You may pick up your tickets in the Law Classroom building or by emailing Joey Caputo at joey.caputo522@gmail.com. Barrister's Ball is a great opportunity to mingle with students and faculty, to honor your fellow classmates, and to network and meet local attorneys and judges as many will be on-hand.

LAWYERS FOR TEXAS VETERANS

Lawyers for Texas Veterans is a State Bar of Texas program to develop and assist pro bono legal clinics throughout the state for military veterans who otherwise cannot afford or do not have access to the legal services they need. The next clinic will be held from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. at the Audie Murphy Veterans Hospital (7400 Merton Minter St) on **April 29, 2011**. The intent is to hold monthly clinics through November 2011 and law students are definitely needed each client to serve as witnesses for wills and other tasks. Volunteers should sign up on the Pro Bono web site "sign up" sheet for CJP Veterans Clinic. Volunteers are also encouraged to bring their Pro Bono forms to the clinic to be signed. Questions? Email Ann Marie Matonak at ammatonak@gmail.com or Cristina Zambrano at czambrano@mail.stmarytx.edu. For veterans needing services: call (210) 212-3740 or (210) 212-3718 (appointment needed).

SUBMITTING PRO BONO/COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS

You may submit your logged Pro Bono or Community Service hours after each volunteer event or (preferably) after collecting at least a few hours at a few events on one form. You may submit your hours tracking form (found on the Pro Bono TWEN page under "Submitting & Tracking Your Hours" and from the Pro Bono desk in Raba) one of three ways:

1. In person at the Pro Bono Table in Raba, Mondays from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. or Tuesdays from 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.; or
2. Leaving the form in the Pro Bono drop box hanging on the wall just to the right of Sister Grace's office door; or
3. Sending a scanned version via email to StMarysProBono@gmail.com.

EMILIANO INFANTE SEGRERA SCHOLARSHIP TO INNSBRUCK

This scholarship is offered through the generous support of Mr. Emil R. Infante, Esq. LL.M.

who is a 2000 graduate of St. Mary's University School of Law and a former attendee of the Innsbruck program. Students must be currently enrolled in St. Mary's University School of Law who are in good standing and eligible to attend the Innsbruck program. Students must submit a hard copy of their letter of application by **5:00 p.m., May 1, 2011 to Prof. Gerald Reamey**, LFB 226 or by placing it in his faculty mailbox in Raba. Students can pick up a hard copy of the scholarship from the bulletin boards on campus, Prof. Gerald Reamey or on the Innsbruck website.

ST. MARY'S LAW JOURNAL WRITE-ON COMPETITION

The *St. Mary's Law Journal* Volume 43 Editorial Board is excited to announce its write-on competition. The write-on competition is the process by which the *Journal* selects qualified applicants to serve as Staff Writers for the 2011–2012 academic year. The competition is designed to select applicants who have achieved academic success as well as those who are highly motivated and willing to learn. Staff Writers will be chosen from three categories of candidates. First, the applicants who write the top writing entries will be selected for *Journal* membership. After those applicants are selected, the applicants with the top grade point averages will be selected. Finally, the remaining top weighted scores will be selected based on a combination of grades and writing ability.

The write-on competition packet will be available to all 1Ls and 2LEs on the last day of finals, Friday, May 6. 1Ls and 2LEs may pick up the application in the law classroom building between 11:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. or at the *Journal* office. Packets will cost \$3.00 to cover printing. The packet will detail a current legal issue and will contain several different legal authorities. These authorities will range from cases to law journal and newspaper articles. The goal is to write a well developed and properly cited paper utilizing the sources provided. The **application deadline is Friday, May 27, 2011**. Applicants must either mail their entries to the *Journal* with a postmark of Friday, May 27 or earlier or must bring their applications to the *Journal* office by that date. Applications sent by mail must be received in the *Journal* office no later than ten days after Friday, May 27 to be considered for the competition.

Questions regarding the *Journal* write-on competition may be addressed to Allison Stewart at Allison.M.Ellis@gmail.com.

IT IS REQUESTED THAT ALL PROSPECTIVE STAFF WRITERS SIGN-UP FOR THE *JOURNAL'S* WRITING COMPETITION TWEN SITE.

OFFICE OF CAREER SERVICES

The National Black Prosecutors Association (NBPA) cordially invites you to participate in their Annual Job Fair on **Tuesday, July 26, 2011** at the Minneapolis Marriott City Center, Minneapolis, Minnesota. The goal of the NBPA Job Fair is to promote diversity in prosecutors' offices by providing a forum where law students, recent law graduates, and experienced attorneys from across the nation can meet and interview with prospective prosecutorial employers at the local, state, and federal levels. For more information or to register online please visit the Office of Career Services or go to www.blackprosecutors.org.

HELP ELECT ST. MARY'S LAW ALUMNI TO TYLA PRESIDENT

One of our alumni, Mr. David Courreges '05, is currently one of two candidates for President-Elect of the Texas Young Lawyers Association (TYLA). David currently serves as the TYLA vice-president as well as the president-elect of the St. Mary's Law Alumni Association. If you know any licensed Texas lawyer who is 36 years of age or younger, or who is in their first five years of practice, please urge them to vote for David. This is not only a tremendous honor for him, but will be a great source of pride for the St. Mary's Law community, as it helps to further our reputation across the state.

The TYLA is commonly referred to as the "**public service arm**" of the **State Bar**. Their programs are designed to assist Texas attorneys in their practice of law and to provide public legal education services to Texans. To learn more about TYLA, please go to www.tyla.org/. You can learn more about David's campaign by going to www.davidcourreges.com.

TYLA president-elect votes may be cast either via paper ballot or by voting online by going to www.texasbar.com through May 2, 2011.

TEXAS LAWYERS CONCERNED FOR LAWYERS

The 22nd **Annual Convention of Texas Lawyers Concerned for Lawyers** will be held **June 3-5, 2011** at the **Hyatt Regency Hotel in Austin, Texas**. Registration begins at 4:30 p.m. and the conference will assemble at 7:00 p.m. The conference will run through Sunday, June 5 ending at 12:00 p.m. Hotel group rate of \$115 is available until May 4. **Registration fee** for the conference is \$220. **Scholarships are available**. Application for CLE is pending. For more information, scholarship, or registration forms please email Bree.Buchanan@texasbar.com.

COMMITTEE ON ANIMALS AND THE LAW

The **Committee on Animals and the Law** is always looking for law students who are interested in making a difference for animals and people. Students can help coordinate student activities, and actively participate in the committee's important work. Assistance is needed with a variety of projects, such as researching humane education issues, outreach, reviewing legislation, and updating the website and other resources. To get a better understanding of what we do, please read the "Making A Difference" Report, which can be found at: <http://www.nysba.org/Content/NavigationMenu45/MakingADifference/Making.a.Difference.Report.July.2010.pdf>. You can also find additional information on <http://www.nysba.org/animals/>. If interested in becoming a Student Contributor, please contact Deputy Goodwill Ambassador, Amy Eisenberg, at AmyE@johnsoncohenlaw.com.

HALF DAY LEGAL SEMINAR IN BASIC REAL ESTATE LAW

WHO: State Bar of Texas

WHERE: Hyatt Hill Country Resort & Spa

9800 Hyatt Resort Drive, San Antonio, TX 78251

- WHEN: July 6, 2011
Registration: 12:30 p.m.
Course 1:00 to 6:00 p.m.
- FEE: If you are a member of the Law Student Division (LSD) of the State Bar of Texas the seminar is free*. It costs \$15.00 to join the LSD (and you get a T-Shirt!!). See the application available in the Office of Career Services.
- WHAT: 5 experienced real estate attorneys discuss all aspects of the real estate attorney experience.

*You may purchase the materials for \$85.00 but the course is not for the most part taught from the materials-the course book is more of a take-away.

For information, contact Mike Baucum or Laurie Baucum, JD '10 at 210-349-5311 or laurie@baucumsteedlaw.com. 4.75 CLE hours (1 Ethics) MCLE COURSE NO: 901219232

Come learn or relearn the Basics! You will through the basic documents of most real estate transactions, and give you an introduction to client relationships, the people you deal with in a real estate practice, title insurance basics, surveys, special problems and ethical traps.

You will benefit from a panel with over 150 years of combined real estate practice experience and a wide variety of practices. You will receive a desk reference course book with materials covering over 20 practice topics. The course is intended for new lawyers, experienced lawyers new to the real estate law practice area or as a refresher.

SCHEDULE:

12:30 Registration

1 :00 – 6:00 p.m. Seminar (includes a 15-minute break)

TOPICS

- Basic Real Estate Documents
- Understanding a Survey
- Clients
- Other People You Will Meet
- Ethical and Practice Traps
- Special Problems
- Resources for a Real Estate Practice
- Title Insurance
- Foreclosure Basics
- Social Media

WRITING COMPETITIONS, FELLOWSHIPS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

For a copy of detailed information regarding the below writing competitions and scholarships, please email Bebe Gonzales at bgonzales@stmarytx.edu.

The **State Bar of Texas Law Student Division** announces its 2011 Essay Contest. This year's theme is *The Legacy of John Adams, From Boston to Guantanamo*. Explore how lawyers in the past and present have promoted justice by defending unpopular clients. Two scholarship recipients will be chosen and each will receive \$1,000. The essay contest is open to State Bar of Texas Law Student Division members only. Deadline to submit essay is **Friday, April 15, 2011**.

The **National Law Review (NLR)** is pleased to announce they are accepting submissions for the NLR 2011 Law Student Writing Competition. Submission deadline for a Tax Law topic is **April 25, 2011**. For more information and submission guidelines, please visit <http://www.natlawreview.com/NLR-law-student-writing-competition>.

The **National Association of Chapter 13 Trustees** has established an annual student writing competition to encourage and reward original law student writing on issues concerning consumer bankruptcy and the law. Entrants should submit an essay, article, or comment on an issue concerning Chapter 13 of the Bankruptcy Code. The author of the first-place essay will receive a prize of \$1000 and the essay will be published in the NACTT Quarterly. Entries must be received by **April 30, 2011**.

Notre Dame Law School Smith-Doheny Legal Ethics Writing Competition Call For Papers. Entries should concern any issue within the general category of legal ethics. Entries must be original, unpublished work and must not exceed 50 pages, including notes. Coauthored essays may be submitted. Prize money is \$2,500. Entries must be received by 5:00 p.m., **Friday, April 29, 2011**. Submit Entries to: Smith-Doheny Legal Ethics Writing Competition, Notre Dame Law School, Notre Dame, Indiana 46556. For more information, please email sumption.1@nd.edu or go to www.nd.edu/~ndlaw/writing_competitions/smith_doheny.pdf

The College of Labor and Employment Lawyers and American Bar Association Section of Labor and Employment Law announces their annual law student writing competition. First place: \$1500, second place, \$1000 and third place is \$500. Competition rules are at www.laborandemploymentcollege.org. Articles must be submitted by 5:00 p.m. CDT, **May 15, 2011**.

The **International Association of Defense Counsel** invites you to participate in its 2011 Legal Writing Contest. First prize, \$2,000, second prize is \$1,000 and third prize is \$500. Deadline for articles is **May 20, 2011**. Contest rules, writing guidelines, and entry forms can be found at www.iadclaw.org.

The **Judge John R. Brown Scholarship Foundation** is pleased to announce the eighteenth annual *Brown Award* to recognize *Excellence in Legal Writing* in the United States. This year the stipend for the winner is \$10,000. Deadline for submission is **May 20, 2011**.

The ABA Section of Family Law is pleased to present its **Howard C. Schwab Memorial Essay Contest**. Applicants may submit an essay on any aspect of Family Law and entrants are encouraged to write on subjects of national interest. Additional information can be found at www.abanet.org/family/lawstudents/schwab.shtml. **Deadline to apply is May 20, 2011.**

Permian Basin Area Foundation is pleased to announce the Judge Lucius Bunton Memorial Law Scholarship Fund. Applicants must be a resident of one of the following counties upon his/her graduation: Andrews, Brewster, Crane, Crockett, Culberson, Dawson, Ector, Gaines, Glasscock, Howard, Hudspeth, Jeff Davis, Loving, Martin, Midland, Pecos, Presidio, Reagan, Reeves, Sterling, Upton, Ward, or Winkler. Information and applications are available at www.pbaf.org. **Deadline to apply is May 30, 2011.**

NEW – The **International Law Section, State Bar of Texas** announces the Texas Law Student Legal Writing Contest. Entries should address any area of international law, including international antitrust, arbitration, business transactions, conflicts of law, criminal law, immigration, intellectual property, litigation, multinational enterprises, public law and trade law. First place award is \$1,000 and second place \$500. **Deadline to enter is May 31, 2011.**

Women Trial Lawyers Caucus of the American Association for Justice (AAJ) announces the Women for Justice Education Fund's 2011 Mike Eidson Scholarship. The Scholarship is awarded annually to a rising 3L (or rising 4L in a night program) female student who has demonstrated a commitment to a career as a trial lawyer, along with dedication to upholding and defending the principles of the Constitution, and to the concept of a fair trial, the adversary system, and a just result for the injured, the accused, and those whose rights are jeopardized. **Application deadline is May 31, 2011.**

The **American College of Trust and Estate Counsel** Mary Moers Wenig 2011 Student Writing Competition. First prize \$5,000; second prize \$3,000; and third prize \$1,000. Complete rules and entry forms are available at www.actec.org. **Deadline is June 1, 2011.**

The **University of Connecticut Law School** announces their legal writing competition, now in its second year. Prizes include \$750 for the first-place winner, \$500 for the second-place winner, and \$250 for the third-place winner. The competition rules and intent to enter form are available online at <http://www.law.uconn.edu/node/9541>. **Deadline to apply is June 1, 2011.**

The **American Judges Association (AJA)** announces its Twenty-Third Annual Law Student Essay Competition. Essays submitted must be under the category of "Must a minor student be given his or her rights, including a *Miranda* warning and the right to have a parent present, before being questioned by police on school grounds." First prize is \$3,000, second prize is \$1,500, and third prize is \$1,000. Entries must be postmarked no later than **June 1, 2011**. For more information, please see <http://aja.ncsc.dni.us>.

The **Baker Donelson Diversity Scholarship** is now available. Baker Donelson will award three scholarships to diverse law students who will complete their first year of law school by June 2011. Each recipient will be awarded \$10,000 which will be paid prior to the student's third year of law school to help defray the cost of law school tuition and related expenses. For questions,

please contact Helen Beasley at hbeasley@bakerdonelson.com or 205.328.0480. For complete eligibility criteria, instructions, and to apply for the Scholarship Program please visit: www.bakerdonelson.com/diversity-scholarship-diversity-practices Application deadline is **June 17, 2011**.

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NEW – The Committee on Animals and the Law of the **New York State Bar Association** is pleased to announce the Fourth Annual Student Writing Competition. Law students are invited to submit to the Committee on Animals and the Law an article concerning any area of Animal Law. More information is available at <http://www.nysba.org/Content/NavigationMenu45/StudentWritingCompetition/2011.Student.Writing.Competition.Announcemen.and.Rules.pdf> The deadline for submission is **June 30, 2011**.

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Now that this year in advocacy is over, the **Board of Advocates would like to announce and congratulate all finalists and winners** of this year's competitions.

HYDEN MOCK TRIAL

Finalists: Sina Ellis Griffith & Ben Zimmerman

Winners: Meg Roper & Kevin Moczygemba

SPRING MOOT COURT

Finalists: Erin Oglesby & Lauren Kennedy

Winners: Emmanuel Garcia & Elizabeth Hernandez

EMBRY MOCK TRIAL

Finalists: Emmanuel Garcia & Clare Pace

Winners: Aaron Shirazi & Jessica Estorga

JAMES DERRICK MOOT COURT COMPETITION

Finalist: Shari Mao

Winner: Trey Porter

OFFICE OF ACADEMIC SUPPORT

Students, please note. The Office of Academic Support **will not be available** on campus during the week of **May 9-14, 2011** due to recarpeting, but will be available on campus for the rest of the summer. If you are in need of our assistance during the week of May 9-14, 2011, please call 436-4351 or email ktullos@stmarytx.edu. Someone from our office will be available to help you. We apologize for the inconvenience, but know that we are here to help regarding academic issues.

STUDENT E-MAIL TO MOVE TO MICROSOFT LIVE



YOU SPOKE... ST. MARY'S LISTENED

Student e-mail will now be hosted by Microsoft **Live**

- Easy to migrate
- Keep your current e-mail address and login
- Access through Gateway, but with more features
- 25 GB free storage, SkyDrive and Microsoft Web Applications



Learn more at www.stmarytx.edu/ITS

STUDENT LOCKERS

It is time to **renew** your rental locker agreement. Please stop by room 105 in the Law Administration building to renew your agreement. The 2011-2012 **locker renewal fee is \$35**. Checks should be made payable to the Student Bar Association. If you will not be renewing your agreement, please **return your locker key** no later than **Friday, May 13, 2011**. Student accounts will be charged \$50 for any locker key not returned. All lockers will be emptied on **June 1, 2011**. Third year students who need their locker for bar purposes, please email bgonzales@stmarytx.edu so that your locker items are not discarded.

SALDF CALENDARS

The **Student Animal Legal Defense Fund** (SALDF) calendars may be purchased at the Office of Academic Support and the SBA office. The calendars cost \$16.00 and proceeds will go to the non-profit organization “**For Paws**” to care for the cats that live on the St. Mary’s campus. The calendars contain important law school dates and the holiday dates are now correct.

NEW BOARD OF ADVOCATES MEMBERS 2011-2012

After a long and difficult decision, the Board of Advocates has selected its **new members** for the 2011-2012 school year. There was an exceptional pool of applicants, and the BOA hopes everybody stays actively involved in advocacy next year at St. Mary’s. **Congratulations** to the new additions.

ANDREW WOLFE
MARCIE TREVINO
GRANT QUIMBY
MEAGAN SCOTT
JOHN CRAIG
ERIKA SPECIA
DAVID RODRIGUEZ
TODD HUNTER
ANA OCHOA
ANDREW JONES
CHARLES OCAMPO
JUAN CASTRO



FEDERALISTS GO TO CHARLOTTESVILLE

by: William A. Knight



During the last weekend in February, **Jenna Reblin, Elizabeth McKim, Jason Pagel** and myself flew to Charlottesville, Virginia for the Federalist Society’s annual Student Symposium. The Federalist Society would like to **thank the Student Bar Association** for graciously

contributing to the costs of the trip. Without their help, we could not have been able to meet the important contacts in an effort to bring notoriety to St. Mary's Law. The weekend consisted of speeches, seminars, and debates that culminated in a special banquet featuring Justice Clarence Thomas.

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The College of Labor and Employment Lawyers and American Bar Association Section of Labor and Employment Law announces their annual law student writing competition. First place: \$1500, second place, \$1000 and third place is \$500. Competition rules are at www.laborandemploymentcollege.org. Articles must be submitted by 5:00 p.m. CDT, **May 15, 2011**.

The **International Association of Defense Counsel** invites you to participate in its 2011 Legal Writing Contest. First prize, \$2,000, second prize is \$1,000 and third prize is \$500. Deadline for articles is **May 20, 2011**. Contest rules, writing guidelines, and entry forms can be found at www.iadclaw.org.

The **Judge John R. Brown Scholarship Foundation** is pleased to announce the eighteenth annual *Brown Award* to recognize *Excellence in Legal Writing* in the United States. This year the stipend for the winner is \$10,000. Deadline for submission is **May 20, 2011**.

The ABA Section of Family Law is pleased to present its **Howard C. Schwab Memorial Essay Contest**. Applicants may submit an essay on any aspect of Family Law and entrants are encouraged to write on subjects of national interest. Additional information can be found at www.abanet.org/family/lawstudents/schwab.shtml. **Deadline** to apply is **May 20, 2011**.

Permian Basin Area Foundation is pleased to announce the Judge Lucius Bunton Memorial Law Scholarship Fund. Applicants must be a resident of one of the following counties upon his/her graduation: Andrews, Brewster, Crane, Crockett, Culberson, Dawson, Ector, Gaines, Glasscock, Howard, Hudspeth, Jeff Davis, Loving, Martin, Midland, Pecos, Presidio, Reagan, Reeves, Sterling, Upton, Ward, or Winkler. Information and applications are available at www.pbaf.org. **Deadline** to apply is **May 30, 2011**.

The **International Law Section, State Bar of Texas** announces the Texas Law Student Legal Writing Contest. Entries should address any area of international law, including international antitrust, arbitration, business transactions, conflicts of law, criminal law, immigration, intellectual property, litigation, multinational enterprises, public law and trade law. First place award is \$1,000 and second place \$500. Deadline to enter is **May 31, 2011**.

Women Trial Lawyers Caucus of the American Association for Justice (AAJ) announces the Women for Justice Education Fund's 2011 Mike Eidson Scholarship. The Scholarship is awarded annually to a rising 3L (or rising 4L in a night program) female student who has demonstrated a commitment to a career as a trial lawyer, along with dedication to upholding and defending the principles of the Constitution, and to the concept of a fair trial, the adversary system, and a just result for the injured, the accused, and those whose rights are jeopardized. Application **deadline is May 31, 2011**.

The **American College of Trust and Estate Counsel** Mary Moers Wenig 2011 Student Writing Competition. First prize \$5,000; second prize \$3,000; and third prize \$1,000. Complete rules and entry forms are available at www.actec.org. Deadline is **June 1, 2011**.

The **University of Connecticut Law School** announces their legal writing competition, now in its second year. Prizes include \$750 for the first-place winner, \$500 for the second-place winner, and \$250 for the third-place winner. The competition rules and intent to enter form are available online at <http://www.law.uconn.edu/node/9541>. Deadline to apply is **June 1, 2011**.

The **American Judges Association (AJA)** announces its Twenty-Third Annual Law Student Essay Competition. Essays submitted must be under the category of "Must a minor student be given his or her rights, including a *Miranda* warning and the right to have a parent present, before being questioned by police on school grounds." First prize is \$3,000, second prize is \$1,500, and third prize is \$1,000. Entries must be postmarked no later than **June 1, 2011**. For more information, please see <http://aja.ncsc.dni.us>.

The **Baker Donelson Diversity Scholarship** is now available. Baker Donelson will award three scholarships to diverse law students who will complete their first year of law school by June 2011. Each recipient will be awarded \$10,000 which will be paid prior to the student's third year of law school to help defray the cost of law school tuition and related expenses. For questions, please contact Helen Beasley at hbeasley@bakerdonelson.com or 205.328.0480. For complete eligibility criteria, instructions, and to apply for the Scholarship Program please visit: www.bakerdonelson.com/diversity-scholarship-diversity-practices Application deadline is **June 17, 2011**.

The **American Intellectual Property Law Association (AIPLA)** presents the 2011 Robert C. Watson competition. Award is \$2,000 to the author of best the article on a subject relating to the protection of intellectual property. Award will be presented during the 2011 AIPLA annual meeting in Washington DC. For more information, visit www.aipla.org. Deadline to enter is **June 30, 2011**.

The Committee on Animals and the Law of the **New York State Bar Association** is pleased to announce the Fourth Annual Student Writing Competition. Law students are invited to submit to the Committee on Animals and the Law an article concerning any area of Animal Law. More information is available at <http://www.nysba.org/Content/NavigationMenu45/StudentWritingCompetition/2011.Student.Writing.Competition.Announcement.and.Rules.pdf> The deadline for submission is **June 30, 2011**.

The Theodore Tannenwald, Jr. Foundation for Excellence in Tax Scholarship and The American College of Tax Counsel are pleased to announce the 2011 Tannenwald Writing Competition. The subject may be on any federal or state tax topic. First prize is \$5,000; second prize is \$2,500; and third prize is \$1,500. For competition rules, please go to www.tannenwald.org. Entry deadline is **July 1, 2011**.

The **Legal Committee of the Southeastern Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies** (SEAFWA) announces its annual writing contest. Winning paper will be published at the SEAFWA Annual Conference October 22-26, 2011 in Nashville, Tennessee. Winner will receive up to \$1,000 to defray the cost of a trip to the conference to present the paper. Deadline to submit paper is **July 31, 2011**. For information on the SEAFWA please visit www.seafwa.org.

The Chartered Institute of Arbitrators in association with Border Skirmishes: The Intersection between Litigation and International Commercial Arbitration are sponsoring a student writing competition. Prize money is \$300. Entries due **August 15, 2011**. For more information please visit <http://www.law.missouri.edu/csdr/symposium/2011/writing.html>

Call For Student Papers – **Terasem Movement** 7th Annual Colloquium on the Law of Futuristic Persons. Interested participants should submit a 6,000 – 10,000 word (including footnotes) analysis of the legal rights and obligations of futuristic persons, defined as a being who claims to have the rights and obligations associated with humans, but is beyond currently accepted notions of legal personhood. An appellate brief, 4,000 – 6,000 words (including footnotes) in support or in opposition to the granting of U.S. citizenship to a futuristic person, as previously defined. Chosen participants will receive a \$1,000 honorarium. Deadline to apply is **September 9, 2011**.

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1L, 2L, 3Later -- moving up the "L"evator

SBA invites you to come celebrate after a long two weeks of finals.

What: End of Year Party

Where: Wurzbach Icehouse
10141 Wurzbach

When: Friday, May 6

Time: 9:00 – 11:00 p.m.

Drinks will be distributed by a ticket system. Tickets distributed on a first come, first served basis, but the party goes on as long as you want to stick around and rehash the year with your classmates. Sign in with the SBA upon arrival. Tickets will be good for a drink up to \$3.00

Drink specials will remain in effect for people to take advantage of:

\$2.50 wells

Beers \$2-3

Other specials TBD

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Notre Dame Law School Smith-Doheny Legal Ethics Writing Competition Call For Papers. Entries should concern any issue within the general category of legal ethics. Entries must be original, unpublished work and must not exceed 50 pages, including notes. Coauthored essays may be submitted. Prize money is \$2,500. Entries must be received by 5:00 p.m., **Friday, April 29, 2011**. Submit Entries to: Smith-Doheny Legal Ethics Writing Competition, Notre Dame Law School, Notre Dame, Indiana 46556. For more information, please email sumption.1@nd.edu or go to www.nd.edu/~ndlaw/writing_competitions/smith_doheny.pdf

The College of Labor and Employment Lawyers and American Bar Association Section of Labor and Employment Law announces their annual law student writing competition. First place: \$1500, second place, \$1000 and third place is \$500. Competition rules are at www.laborandemploymentcollege.org. Articles must be submitted by 5:00 p.m. CDT, **May 15, 2011**.

The **International Association of Defense Counsel** invites you to participate in its 2011 Legal Writing Contest. First prize, \$2,000, second prize is \$1,000 and third prize is \$500. Deadline for articles is **May 20, 2011**. Contest rules, writing guidelines, and entry forms can be found at www.iadclaw.org.

The **Judge John R. Brown Scholarship Foundation** is pleased to announce the eighteenth annual *Brown Award* to recognize *Excellence in Legal Writing* in the United States. This year the stipend for the winner is \$10,000. Deadline for submission is **May 20, 2011**.

The ABA Section of Family Law is pleased to present its **Howard C. Schwab Memorial Essay Contest**. Applicants may submit an essay on any aspect of Family Law and entrants are encouraged to write on subjects of national interest. Additional information can be found at www.abanet.org/family/lawstudents/schwab.shtml. **Deadline** to apply is **May 20, 2011**.

Permian Basin Area Foundation is pleased to announce the Judge Lucius Bunton Memorial Law Scholarship Fund. Applicants must be a resident of one of the following counties upon his/her graduation: Andrews, Brewster, Crane, Crockett, Culberson, Dawson, Ector, Gaines,

Glasscock, Howard, Hudspeth, Jeff Davis, Loving, Martin, Midland, Pecos, Presidio, Reagan, Reeves, Sterling, Upton, Ward, or Winkler. Information and applications are available at www.pbaf.org. Deadline to apply is **May 30, 2011**.

The **International Law Section, State Bar of Texas** announces the Texas Law Student Legal Writing Contest. Entries should address any area of international law, including international antitrust, arbitration, business transactions, conflicts of law, criminal law, immigration, intellectual property, litigation, multinational enterprises, public law and trade law. First place award is \$1,000 and second place \$500. Deadline to enter is **May 31, 2011**.

Women Trial Lawyers Caucus of the American Association for Justice (AAJ) announces the Women for Justice Education Fund's 2011 Mike Eidson Scholarship. The Scholarship is awarded annually to a rising 3L (or rising 4L in a night program) female student who has demonstrated a commitment to a career as a trial lawyer, along with dedication to upholding and defending the principles of the Constitution, and to the concept of a fair trial, the adversary system, and a just result for the injured, the accused, and those whose rights are jeopardized. Application **deadline is May 31, 2011**.

The **American College of Trust and Estate Counsel** Mary Moers Wenig 2011 Student Writing Competition. First prize \$5,000; second prize \$3,000; and third prize \$1,000. Complete rules and entry forms are available at www.actec.org. Deadline is **June 1, 2011**.

The **University of Connecticut Law School** announces their legal writing competition, now in its second year. Prizes include \$750 for the first-place winner, \$500 for the second-place winner, and \$250 for the third-place winner. The competition rules and intent to enter form are available online at <http://www.law.uconn.edu/node/9541>. Deadline to apply is **June 1, 2011**.

The **American Judges Association (AJA)** announces its Twenty-Third Annual Law Student Essay Competition. Essays submitted must be under the category of "Must a minor student be given his or her rights, including a *Miranda* warning and the right to have a parent present, before being questioned by police on school grounds." First prize is \$3,000, second prize is \$1,500, and third prize is \$1,000. Entries must be postmarked no later than **June 1, 2011**. For more information, please see <http://aja.ncsc.dni.us>.

The **Baker Donelson Diversity Scholarship** is now available. Baker Donelson will award three scholarships to diverse law students who will complete their first year of law school by June 2011. Each recipient will be awarded \$10,000 which will be paid prior to the student's third year of law school to help defray the cost of law school tuition and related expenses. For questions, please contact Helen Beasley at hbeasley@bakerdonelson.com or 205.328.0480. For complete eligibility criteria, instructions, and to apply for the Scholarship Program please visit: www.bakerdonelson.com/diversity-scholarship-diversity-practices Application deadline is **June 17, 2011**.

The **American Intellectual Property Law Association (AIPLA)** presents the 2011 Robert C. Watson competition. Award is \$2,000 to the author of best the article on a subject relating to the protection of intellectual property. Award will be presented during the 2011

AIPLA annual meeting in Washington DC. For more information, visit www.aipla.org. Deadline to enter is **June 30, 2011**.

The Committee on Animals and the Law of the **New York State Bar Association** is pleased to announce the Fourth Annual Student Writing Competition. Law students are invited to submit to the Committee on Animals and the Law an article concerning any area of Animal Law. More information is available at <http://www.nysba.org/Content/NavigationMenu45/StudentWritingCompetition/2011.Student.Writing.Competition.Announcement.and.Rules.pdf> The deadline for submission is **June 30, 2011**.

The Theodore Tannenwald, Jr. Foundation for Excellence in Tax Scholarship and The American College of Tax Counsel are pleased to announce the 2011 Tannenwald Writing Competition. The subject may be on any federal or state tax topic. First prize is \$5,000; second prize is \$2,500; and third prize is \$1,500. For competition rules, please go to www.tannenwald.org. Entry deadline is **July 1, 2011**.

The **Legal Committee of the Southeastern Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies** (SEAFWA) announces its annual writing contest. Winning paper will be published at the SEAFWA Annual Conference October 22-26, 2011 in Nashville, Tennessee. Winner will receive up to \$1,000 to defray the cost of a trip to the conference to present the paper. Deadline to submit paper is **July 31, 2011**. For information on the SEAFWA please visit www.seafwa.org.

The Chartered Institute of Arbitrators in association with Border Skirmishes: The Intersection between Litigation and International Commercial Arbitration are sponsoring a student writing competition. Prize money is \$300. Entries due **August 15, 2011**. For more information please visit <http://www.law.missouri.edu/csdr/symposium/2011/writing.html>

Call For Student Papers – **Terasem Movement** 7th Annual Colloquium on the Law of Futuristic Persons. Interested participants should submit a 6,000 – 10,000 word (including footnotes) analysis of the legal rights and obligations of futuristic persons, defined as a being who claims to have the rights and obligations associated with humans, but is beyond currently accepted notions of legal personhood. An appellate brief, 4,000 – 6,000 words (including footnotes) in support or in opposition to the granting of U.S. citizenship to a futuristic person, as previously defined. Chosen participants will receive a \$1,000 honorarium. Deadline to apply is **September 9, 2011**.